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GEORGE GOES TOGREECE

By MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

George Christopoulos, South Melbourne's young utility player, will fly to Greece next Tuesday and hopes to play for a club in Salonika.

At the moment, it is not known which club Christopoulos will join. There are three in Salonika, PAOK, Aris and Heraclis.

His sudden departure will certainly be a blow to South Melbourne's hopes of winning the Philips League championships because Christopoulos has been a key member of South's squad this year.

Christopoulos is a play-anywhere youngster. Originally a centre-half, he has also performed with much success in midfield and in the forward line.

He was one of the many players tried out by Rudi Gutendorf for the Australian World Cup challenge but Gutendorf discarded him. In one international match, Christopoulos lasted only about 15 minutes before being whipped off in favour of a substitute.

The big question now is...why is this talented young player quitting South Melbourne at such a vital stage of the season ?

It is no secret that he has had quite a stormy career with South Melbourne and, indeed, earlier this season was anxious to get a transfer to Sydney Olympic.

Christopoulos and coach John Margaritis do not always see eye to eye.

If he joins a club in Salonika - as he surely will - Christopoulos should create a transfer fee record for any Australian club. It is expected that South Melbourne will demand a fee of at least £150,000 for the player.

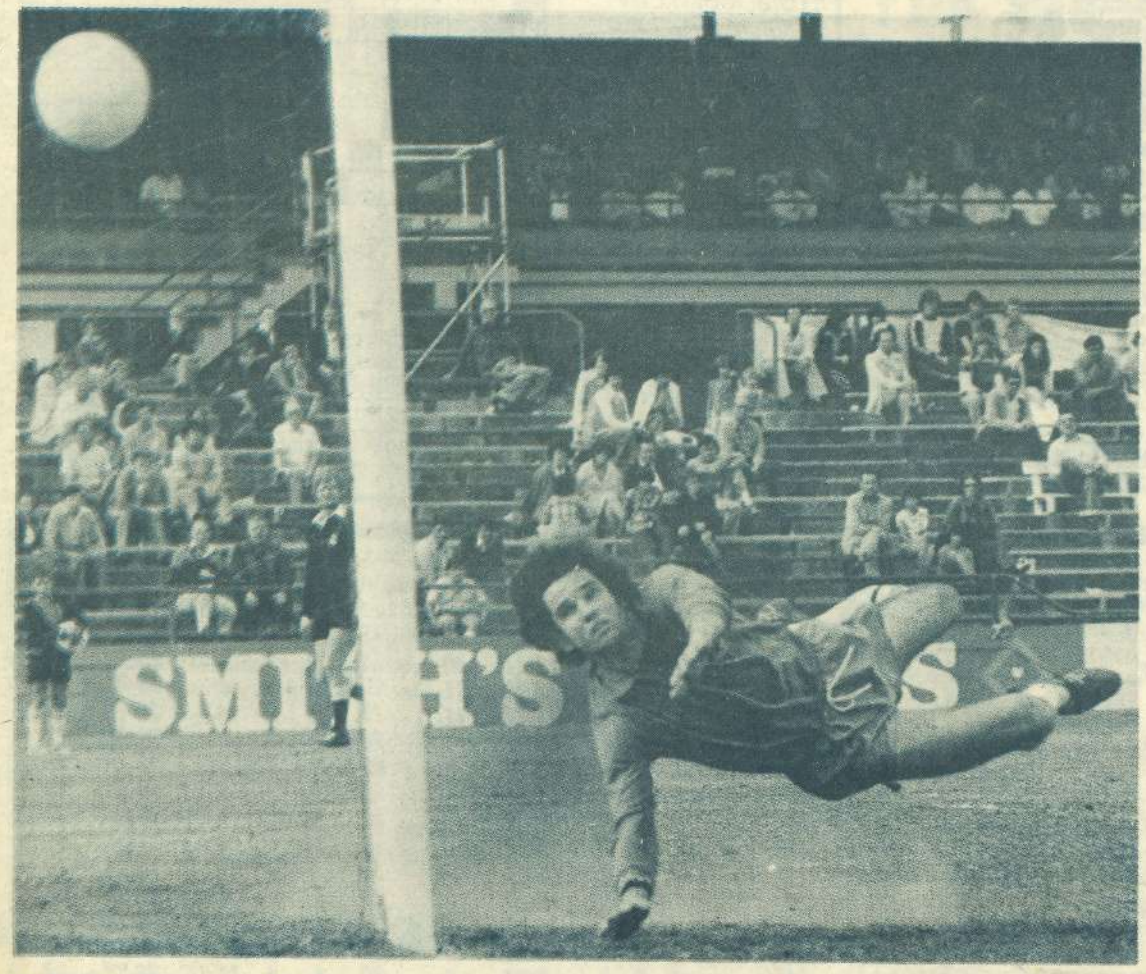
George Christopoulos flies high here with John Nyskohus and Arthur Xanthopoulos. He flies even higher next week — on a jet bound for Salonika.

A DEMON SPONSOR

Tomorrow (Wednesday) night, Blacktown Demons will make an important announcement regarding sponsorship of their team in the PSL.

Demons' promotions man, Bob Powell, assured ASW that it will be a substantial sponsorship but refused to name the company involved.

All will be revealed at 7.00 pm tomorrow.



• Mike Fraser, St George goakeeper, is beaten in a match at Sydney Sports Ground. Fraser would be a star name in the proposed new tournament.

AROK CHALLENGES PHILIPS LEAGUE

By David Jack

Frank Arok, coach of St George in the NSW Coca-Cola State League, has thrown down the gauntlet to the Philips League.

Arok plans to stage a tournament involving the top two teams in the State competition (St George and Croatia) plus Sydney Olympians and Leichhardt from the PSL.

He hopes to get two metropolitan newspapers to support this novel venture . . . one backing the PSL pair and the other the State League sides.

Arok said: "It will be a natural as a crowd-pleaser, played at St George Stadium under lights next month. The challenge tournament is something completely new and it will give spectators something different from the normal competition games.

"Results of the matches will also settle a few arguments about the relative merit of Soccer in the PSL and the Coca-Cola League. Some people imagine there is a huge gap between standards in the rival competitions. I'm not so sure."

Frank Arok made these comments after suffering boredom at the Sydney City v Wollongong Wolves PSL match — and passing the opinion that the Philips League wasn't so hot!

In players like Dez Marton, Mike Fraser, Peter Stone, Peter Hensman, Marijan Kovacic and Brian Parker, Saints and Croatia are not short of class.

There is every chance of either team — or both — upsetting their more glamorous PSL opponents Olympic and Leichhardt.

EDITORIAL

Now that the new badges and logos for Philips Soccer League clubs have been circulated, it might be appropriate to assess what has been achieved in this latest venture by Australian Soccer Federation Marketing.

There can be few complaints about the quality of the club badges. They are full of action; they are colourful. And with luck, they might even be accepted by the supporters of the PSL clubs. We are told that it has taken nine months to develop and finalise the badges. It has also taken a lot of money.

Has the time and money been spent in a good cause? We have some doubts.

The biggest headache facing ASF Marketing in this venture is the reluctance of supporters to identify with the new club names (or nicknames).

For instance, Marconi are never referred to as "leopards" by their followers. We have not heard South Melbourne fans discussing the merits, or otherwise, of the "gunners."

Some nicknames should stick. Wollongong Wolves rolls off the tongue conveniently. Canberra Arrows, too, seems quite acceptable. And of course names like Blacktown Demons and Brisbane Lions have been in use long enough to be fully established in the game.

Other questions should be asked. What was achieved by changing Sydney Olympic to Sydney Olympians? How come Newcastle KB United is now Newcastle Raiders with — as far as the badge is concerned — complete rejection of the brewery company which keeps the club alive? Perhaps the KB label was dropped in a cunning move to prevent Marconi using the name Datsun!

Seriously, though, the marketing people say there is some difficulty in using the KB tag because it is an established trade product.

There are many questions which could be asked about the new badges.

Perhaps the biggest question of all is . . . would it not be better if ASF Marketing diverted its energy and money into more urgent areas?

The biggest blight on Soccer in 1981 is the disappointing roll-up of paying customers to the matches. How long must we wait before the people who have been charged with the task of selling Soccer produce some ideas to remedy that malady?

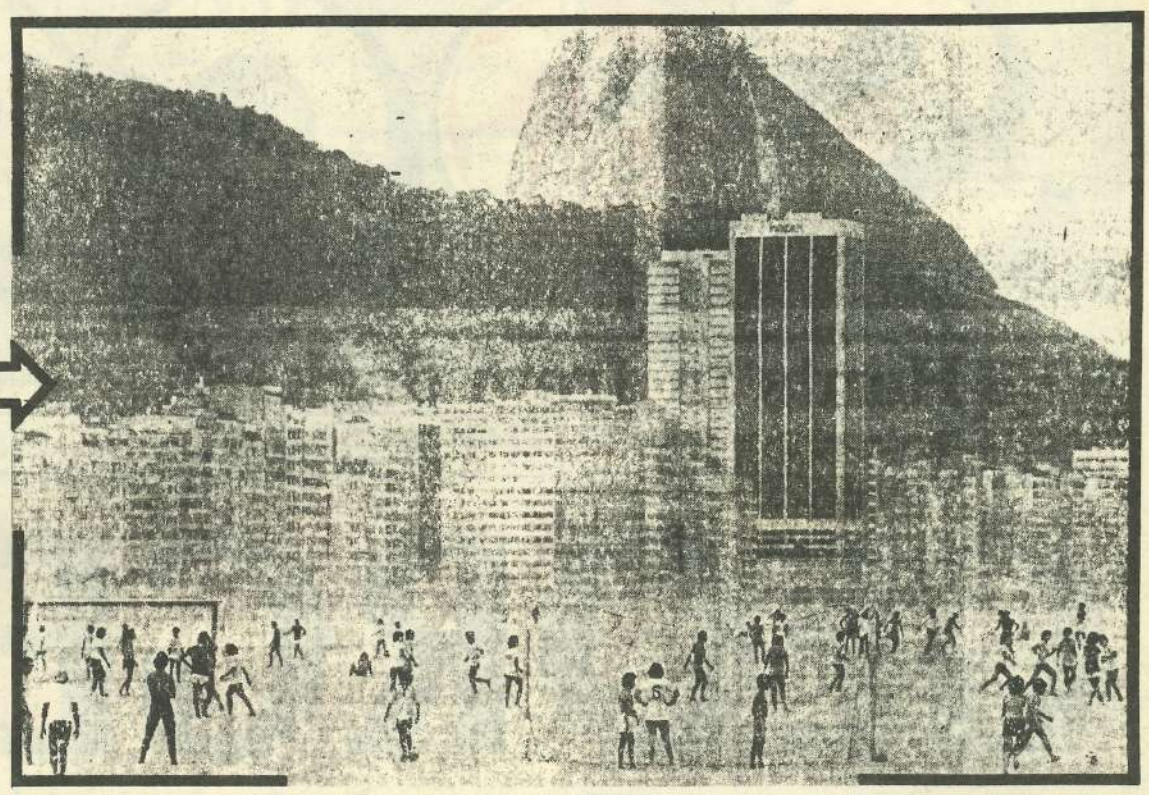
Now is the time for action. If, and when, it comes, the action will have to be more positive than the launch of new nicknames and club logos.

It had also better make more sense than the ridiculous attempt to inflict summer Soccer on the Australian sporting public.

Time is not on the side of Soccer's marketing men. We like their new club badges and hope they are a big success.

We would be happier, though, to see bigger and better schemes flowing from North Sydney . . . the sort of ideas which would tempt a few thousand more fans through the turnstiles.

IS THERE ANOTHER PELE ON THE BEACH?



Can you imagine this happening on one of Australia's surfing beaches?

The picture was taken in Rio de Janeiro on the famous Copacabana Beach in the shadow of the Sugar Loaf Mountain.

What are all the people doing on the beach? Playing Soccer. Organised Soccer in many instances — with proper goalposts.

Copacabana boasts miles of beach and dozens of goalposts, emphasising that football, not sunbathing, is the national pastime of Brazilians.

A story often told is of England's international team, playing in the 1950 World Cup in Brazil, staying at a Copacabana hotel. The players took a stroll on the beach and were flabbergasted by the skills they saw from very young boys. Some of the Rio youngsters did not have the luxury of a proper ball for their games — so they spent hours juggling oranges on their insteps.

The Englishmen, beaten in the World Cup, returned home and decided they'd have to learn football all over again.

PHILIPS LEAGUE

Round 20

LEICHHARDT - WEST ADELAIDE 1-0
Soper

CANBERRA ARROWS - MARCONI 0-0

SYDNEY CITY - SYDNEY OLYMPIANS 5-4
Barnes 3, Cant, Souness(SC), Koussas 2, Raskopoulos, Jennings(SO)

PRESTON - BRISBANE LIONS 1-1
Ollerton(P), Ferris(BL)

BRISBANE CITY - HEIDELBERG 1-2
P.Wilkinson(BC), Ysendoorn, Campbell(H)

WOLLONGONG - NEWCASTLE KB 0-0

SOUTH MELBOURNE - BLACKTOWN DEMONS 2-1
Bannon, Hormazabal og(SM), Jones(BD)

ADELAIDE CITY - FOOTSCRAY 1-3
J.Nyskohus(AC), Kondarios, Ilioski, Cozzella(F)

Last Wednesday:

SYDNEY CITY - WOLLONGONG 1-0
Cant

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

TOP SCORERS:

9. Boden(SC)
8. Mitchell(AC), P.Wilkinson(BC), Ollerton(P)
7. Christopoulos(SM), J.Nyskohus(AC), Koussas(SO)
6. Sharne(M), Barnes, Souness(SC), Evans(SM), Cole, Paton(H), O'Connor, Soper(L), Mountford(KB)
5. Ilioski(F), Millman(BL), Jennings(SO), McBreen(W), Gibson, Valeri(CA), Cullen(P), Kosmina(SC)
4. Northcote, Russell(AC), Burrows(BD), Hamilton(BC), MacLaren, Brennan(CA), Senkalski(KB), Jankovics(M), Manecas(WA), Adam(W).

GREEK STAR FOR ADELAIDE HAWKS

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Hawks hope to have top scorer Kostas Kouis in their line-up on Sunday against Marconi at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The Greek international is touring America with the national team, but is expected to arrive in Adelaide on Thursday.

He was contacted by Hawks sports committee chairman Con Daskalos, through the national team coach.

"The player has agreed to terms, and so has his club, Aris of Salonica," said Mr Daskalos.

"We hope he can add that final touch to our front line for six games, and take us out of the relegation zone."

Hawks had also secured a centre-half as a guest, but had to drop him from their plans as clubs are allowed only one player on a short-term guest contract.

"We thought a striker would be the biggest help to us and the better attraction for the fans," said Mr Daskalos.

Hawks are also waiting for Colin Gregson, the former Sheffield Wednesday midfielder, to arrive.

The 23 year-old professional also played with West Bromwich.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	Blacktown City		1:2	0:1	0:1	2:2	:	1:5		:		0:2		3:1		2:2	4:0
2	Newcastle KB	1:1		4:1	1:1	:	4:0		0:2		0:1		1:2		3:0	1:1	4:2
3	Leichhardt	3:2	2:1		:	1:1		3:0		0:1		:		2:2	2:0	0:0	1:0
4	Wollongong	1:1	0:0	1:1			2:2		0:0		0:1		3:1	3:4	2:1	1:1	
5	South Melbourne	2:1	2:0		1:0			0:0		1:3		1:0	1:1	2:1	2:1	1:0	
6	Preston	2:3		3:1		1:1			1:1		0:1	0:0	3:1	0:2	3:0	1:1	
7	Adelaide City		4:1		1:2		1:0		1:0	0:1	1:0	0:1	3:1	3:1	1:3	3:2	
8	Brisbane City	2:1		0:0	1:0	:		:		2:0	0:0	4:0	3:0	1:2	2:0		2:1
9	Sydney City		4:1		1:0		2:0		1:1		3:2	5:0	5:4	1:0		1:1	1:0
10	Canberra City	2:2		0:1		2:2		0:0	3:0	2:0		0:0	2:1		5:0		1:2
11	Marconi		1:2		1:1		1:0	1:4	1:1	1:0	0:2			3:1		2:1	1:0
12	Sydney Olympic	1:0		1:3		2:2	2:1	3:1	1:1	2:2	:	2:0			0:0	:	3:1
13	Heidelberg		1:2		0:3	0:0	2:3	1:2	2:0	:	1:1		1:0			:	2:0
14	Footscray	2:0		2:1	1:1	1:2	2:1	1:1	:	1:0		1:2		2:2			1:1
15	Brisbane Lions		0:1	0:0	1:1	2:0	2:1	:	1:0		1:0		1:1		4:0		3:1
16	West Adelaide	2:0	0:1	1:2	0:0	0:2	4:0	0:3		1:2		:					

LEAGUE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY					AGGREGATE					
	W	D	L	F:A	P	W	D	L	F:A	P	P	W	D	L	F:A	P
SYDNEY CITY	8	2	0	24- 8	18	4	1	4	9-10	9	19	12	3	4	33-18	27
SOUTH MELBOURNE	7	2	1	13- 7	16	2	6	1	12-11	10	19	9	8	2	25-18	26
ADELAIDE CITY	7	0	4	18-12	14	4	3	2	16-10	11	20	11	3	6	34-22	25
LEICHHARDT	5	3	1	14- 7	13	4	3	3	11-12	11	19	9	6	4	25-19	24
CANBERRA ARROWS	4	4	2	17- 8	12	4	3	3	9- 7	11	20	8	7	5	26-15	23
BRISBANE CITY	7	2	1	17- 4	16	1	5	4	6-11	7	20	8	7	5	23-15	23
NEWCASTLE KB	4	3	3	19-11	11	5	1	4	11-15	11	20	9	4	7	30-26	22
WOLLONGONG	2	6	2	13-12	10	3	5	3	10- 8	11	21	5	11	5	23-20	21
BRISBANE LIONS	6	3	1	15- 5	15	0	6	3	9-12	6	19	6	9	4	24-17	21
MARCONI	5	2	3	12-12	12	3	2	4	5-13	8	19	8	4	7	17-25	20
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	5	4	1	17-11	14	1	2	7	12-23	4	20	6	6	8	29-34	18
HEIDELBERG	3	2	4	10-11	8	3	2	5	16-20	8	19	6	4	9	26-31	16
FOOTSCRAY	4	4	2	14-11	12	1	1	8	5-24	3	20	5	5	10	19-34	15
PRESTON	3	4	3	14-11	10	1	1	8	8-22	3	20	4	5	11	22-33	13
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	2	2	5	13-16	6	1	3	6	11-18	5	19	3	5	11	24-34	11
WEST ADELAIDE	2	2	5	9-11	6	1	1	9	8-23	3	20	3	3	14	17-34	9

CRAZY RESULTS IN THE PSL

by John Field

In a weekend of quite crazy results in the Philips Soccer League, Footscray, the unsung battlers from Melbourne, took the major honours.

They went to the Olympic Sportsfield to take on top-of-the-table Adelaide City . . . and went home with two points under their belts after a magnificent 3-1 win.

Before Sunday's match, Footscray's away form had been abysmal.

In nine matches, they had been beaten eight times and scraped one draw. They had scored a miserable two goals in those nine outings and conceded 23.

Opponents Adelaide City were on the crest of a wave, having knocked South Melbourne off number one spot in the PSL.

When potential champions meet relegation candidates, there should be only one result. But the mugs beat the stars, proving once again the unpredictability of Soccer.

That wasn't the only strange result in a hectic round.

Brisbane City, unbeaten at home (and seemingly unbeatable) flopped 2-1 to a Heidelberg side which has been struggling for survival all season.

There was also that amazing 5-4 nine-goal romp at the Sydney Athletic Field where Sydney City barely scraped in against Sydney Olympic after leading 5-1 with 24 minutes to go.

After that particular match, Olympic's new boss Doug Collins scratched his head and confessed he was "amazed." That's not surprising. Collins had been told that Olympic couldn't score goals. But in his very first match as coach, they scored four — and finished up being beaten.

So what's in store for Soccer fans next weekend? Watch this space for further developments!

And well done, Footscray — top of the pops this week at least.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH LEAGUE

RESULTS:

Wed, July 1:
A.I.S. 1 (Wright) - WOLLONGONG 2 (Fontana, O'Donnell).
Sun, July 5:
LEICHHARDT 2 (De Cigley, McKie) - A.I.S. 1
SYDNEY CITY 0 - OLYMPIANS 0
WOLLONGONG 0 - NEWCASTLE 0
CANBERRA 0 - MARCONI 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GOAL DIFF.
Marconi	17	11	4	2	46	15	26	+31
Leichhardt	16	11	3	2	40	19	25	+21
Newcastle	17	8	6	3	34	29	22	+5
A.I.S.	18	9	3	6	42	28	21	+14
Sydney City	16	5	6	5	34	23	16	+11
Olympians	17	5	6	6	21	20	16	+1
Wollongong	18	6	2	10	22	43	14	−21
Blacktown	14	2	1	11	18	35	5	−17
Canberra	13	0	1	12	8	53	1	−45

At Lambert Park second and third placed Leichhardt and A.I.S. had an exciting game, full of excellent football from both sides. Leichhardt took the lead in the first half after De Cigley cleverly beat a couple of defenders on the right then shot through the goalkeeper's legs.

A.I.S. equalised early in the second half after keeper Bob Parkes dropped a high cross from the wing. Leichhardt's John McKie scored the winner 10 minutes from full-time.

At the Sydney Athletic Field the Young Slickers took on the Young Olympians in very blustery conditions. The Slickers kicking into the wind in the first half were generally in command without creating any positive chances in front of goal.

However the second half was a complete reversal with the Olympians dominating matters and missing many chances in front of goal. It was probably the Slickers who came closest in this period, however, when a powerful shot from Alan McGrouther hit the crossbar.

The ever-improving Wollongong Cubs took a point from early competition leaders Newcastle in an even tussle at the Wollongong Showground.

Competition leaders Marconi had a comfortable 3-0 win at the Bruce Stadium against Canberra.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Sun, July 12:
BLACKTOWN v A.I.S 12.30 pm Gabbie Stadium
LEICHHARDT v W'GONG 12.30 pm Lambert Pk
OLYMPIC v CANBERRA 12.30 pm Pratten Park

OLD BOYS CAN STILL PERFORM

Age shall not wither them, nor the years condemn! The old Diggers saying might have been appropriate at Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday when some of the great stars of Hakoah's past played in a curtain-raiser against the Australian Soccer Press Association.

Memories were revived of the outstanding Hakoah of the late 1960's by the appearance of Peter Fuzes, Frank Haffey, Ian Hillsdon, Robert Fekete, Ray Gardiner, Ziggy Spilarewicz, Keith Jones, Dennis Yaager and Roy Blitz.

That was the backbone of a super Hakoah side, although it's a pity we didn't also see other old favourites like Allan Marnoch, John Watkiss and Danny Walsh.

"Old Hakoah" made up the numbers with guest players John Doyle, Peter Russell, Leo Baumgartner and Geoff Harcombe.

The ASPA side also whipped in a "guest" and a most expensive recruit he turned out to be. Craig Johnston interrupted his honeymoon to pop in to score a goal for ASPA and to show Athletic Field spectators what a $1,500,000 footballer looks like.

It was a worthwhile presentation. Perhaps the highlight of the match was the appearance, on time, of one particular ASPA forward. Unkind colleagues insisted it was the first time he had ever arrived at a game before kick-off!

YOUTH TEAM WINS FINAL MATCH

Australia's Youth team rounded off a successful tour of New Caledonia by winning the last game 1 - 0, for a tour record of two wins and one draw from the three games.

The only goal went to substitute Dennis Colusso, who came on for Gerardo Gomez after half-time. That goal arrived only seven minutes before the end of the match.

During a tough first-half, the Australians had most of the play but they found great difficulty getting through a New Caledonia defence which was determined to keep out the invaders.

The appearance of Colusso brought more penetration from the Young Socceroo midfield in which Peter Raskopoulos had a good game. The Noumea side was not at all happy about the increasing dominance of Australia in the second half and when Steve Blair was felled a long way from the actual play, referee Simon Kecine had no doubts about sending off the player in volved - Matthew Kenon.

David Mitchell once again looked a player with a big future and it was also pleasing to see Youth team skipper Ian Hunter back in action doing plenty of work despite the serious leg injury which has kept him out of football for such a long spell.

The banishment of Kenon ended any hopes New Caledonia might have cherished of saving the match. They had to get by with only 10 men after the 70th minute.

LEICHHARDT OVAL FOR BIG MATCH?

by Keith Gilmour

Leichhardt president Nick Papallo is confident that the deferred 14th round match against Marconi will be played at Leichhardt Oval.

If successful in arranging the match it will be the club's first-ever at the ground, which is home for Balmain Rugby League club.

On Sunday, Leichhardt's Mayor, Alderman Evan Jones, was an interested spectator at Lambert Park.

Ald. Jones knows his local Soccer players back to the era of Frank Parsons, the late Jack "Digger" Evans, and all the stars of former eras in the municipality.

The game would be held on a Friday night under the excellent lighting system.

It would draw the biggest crowd of the PSL season in Sydney given a good night, and possibly as many as any Rugby League attendance at the ground this season.

The Strikers' Soccer director Ron Orsatti reckons that if the problem is that Balmain Tigers have to train on the particular Friday night, Lambert Park's facilities would be willingly made available to them.

Orsatti said: "The Leichhardt Council seems to be in favour of the game, but the problem is that Balmain Leagues Club hold the lease."

Licensing arrangements apply at various times, but the Leichhardt Municipality has a big content of residents who are extremely keen to see the match go on.

The APIA Club itself is adjacent to Leichhardt Oval.

There is no real reason why the ground could not be used for major Soccer matches.

The Council and the ratepayers must gain if the ground is utilised for Soccer.

One local alderman believes that the ground would be packed if the ASF were to play one of the Sydney World Youth Championship games there.

But, for a start, let us see Leichhardt-Marconi there — and watch local enthusiasm produce the crowd.

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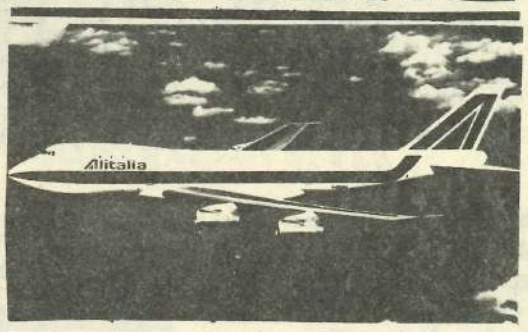

EVEN ONE POINT IS A BIG PERFORMANCE

There has been some minor criticism of the points awarded to players in the ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest. In particular, when a player is voted "man of the match" some readers of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY feel it is wrong to give him, say, one or two points.

Not so. Even when a player collects one point, it is clear he has had a good game. The mere fact that he is named "man of the match" for his team emphasises that he played better than his 10 team mates.

We have briefed our correspondents to be responsible in their voting and have suggested they go easy on huge ratings like four or five points. The system seems to be working quite well.

The big prize in this ASW-MARCONI TRAVEL contest is a return air ticket, flying ALITALIA, from Melbourne or Sydney to Rome.

There will also be a magnificent trophy for the winner.

Goalscoring also deserves a reasonable reward and, for that reason, we have decided to present the Philips Soccer's League top scorer with a colour television set.

The "player of the year" contest for that ALITALIA flight is hotting up as the season enters its crucial stage.

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Here are the leading points scorers:—

27 - Terry Byrne
23 - David Mitchell
21 - Joe Senkalski, Peter Katholos
19 - Peter Wilson (Leich)
18 - Dennis Boland
17 - Phil O'Connor
16 - Ian Souness, Col Bennett, Chris Dunleavy, Alun Evans
14 - Allan Maher, Jim Hermiston
13 - Martin Coe, Tony Brennan
12 - Paul Burrows, Jim Campbell
11 - Arno Bertogna, Alan Whittle, Martyn Crook, Tony Henderson, Paul Wilkinson
10 - John Djordjevic, Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, Robbie Cullen, Bill de Graaf, Arthur Xanthopoulos
9 - Paul Reaney, Jim Ziras, Larry Gaffney, Jim McBreen, Clive Campbell
8 - Ljube Petrovski, Jimmy Dunne, Gary Byrne, Steve Blair, Brian O'Donnell, Bruce James, Malcolm McClelland
7 - Graham Jennings, Todd Clarke, Jimmy Wright, Stuart Selvage, Jim Tansey, Doug Brown, Peter Tymczyszyn, Peter Boyle
6 - Shraga Topaz, John Perin, Derek Laing, Houssein Housseini, Steve Sumner, Joe Palinkas, Ken Boden, Joe Watson, Vince Bannon, Gary Clayton, Dan Jovanovic, Ron Millman, Jim O'Reilly, Paul Ontong

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

THE VLASITS REPORT

By JOHN ECONOMOS

PART TWO

In last week's ASW, we published a detailed report that was submitted to the Australian Soccer Federation by ex-Australian World Cup coach, Joe Vlasits.

Vlasits went into a lengthy analysis on what went wrong with the current Australian World Cup team in its encounters with our neighbouring opponents, New Zealand.

The report went on to recommend the required characteristics of future Australian national coaches, plus the desirable qualities and qualifications for the appointment of a part-time assistant to the national coach.

Vlasits, the NSW Director of Coaching, is a man who can speak with much authority as well as great experience, and his recommendations of suggested policies just cannot be ignored by the Australian Soccer hierarchy in Clarence Street.

I am also quite sure that Vlasits doesn't want future Australian World Cup teams to be subjected to the fiascos that his 1969 World Cup squad was exposed to by FIFA. Then Australia had to travel thousands of unnecessary miles to play Rhodesia in Mozambique when Korea refused Rhodesia entry visas to the tournament which Australia won so meritoriously.

Only careful planning with laid out policies for the future will avoid a repetition of such blunders.

We continue with part two of the Vlasits Report:

DROP IN CROWDS

"Over the last 20 years or so, our Soccer crowds have dwindled alarmingly.

Gone are the days when we had crowds of 8,000 to 12,000 at top club games, with 25,000 to 30,000 at Grand Finals.

One of the main reasons for this great drop in gates is the fact that we are NOT playing attractive Soccer any longer. We are concentrating too much on fight and aggression and not enough on skill with technique.

The game has developed into a "kick and rush" affair.

On top of this, we at present lack star personalities who are always great favourites with crowds.

People today, more than ever, want to be entertained, and star personalities provide this entertainment.

Coaches, as well, have become too defensive, thus nullifying the development of a star individual. Win at all cost is the order of the day.

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

a) Appoint a coach for four years.

b) Set up a planning committee, comprising of three people; the national coach, an adviser, and an administrator.

c) Medical panel (two doctors).

d) Present a four-year planned programme to the World Cup Committee for acceptance, and then to the full Executive Committee.

e) Form a technical committee of two or three people (ex-coaches) plus an administrator.

f) The national coach to work out a full plan of trainings, matches, dates, etc, so that all clubs, coaches, managers, secretaries and presidents know well ahead the national squad's commitments.

g) The national general manager, Mr Brian Le Fevre, to work out all the details with various countries, clubs, travelling arrangements, budget all forms of costings well in advance, etc.

NEW DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

The appointed national coach must take into account the following:

a) Character.
b) Mentality.
c) History.
d) Climate.
e) Temperament.
f) Imagination.

All the above factors must be considered by the coach before he starts a new approach and goes into a new style.

He will commence with a squad of 22 players — that is, two players for every position — and they must be in the age bracket that will enable them to be available for selection for the next World Cup in 1986; eg. 18 to 26 years old.

The new formation should begin from the defence. Then the midfield concentrating on the attacking qualities of the individual midfielder in the initial stages. Then finally with the striking line up-front, examining carefully and individually the characteristics of each striker in relation to his attacking flairs going forward and the relationship with his midfielders.

Both midfielders and strikers, must have some ability to defend as well.

Overall, every member in the squad must thus be able to defend off the ball, and attack whilst the team is on the ball.

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QUALITY TRAINING SESSIONS

The training dates, the number of players, and the days allocated to coaching, must be known to everybody well ahead.

A plan of all sessions must be simple and well understood. It should be a uniform plan to suit all States for the national squad players, so that new ideas can be effected.

The aim should be for quality training sessions to be staged, which players should be able to enjoy, relax, whilst at the same time these sessions must be beneficial to the squad, physically as well as mentally.

Speed, endurance, power and quick reflex thinking to be improved, as well as raising the overall technique level.

Sessions must commence with simple technical exercises, gradually introducing more difficult movements under match conditions.

At the same time however, great care must be given to building up players' morale and team confidence, with a will to win, overcoming any emotional stresses that may appear in a match situation.

PANEL

The medical panel must work out a fitness check twice a year. The first check to be recorded say in January, with the second checks being done half-way through the season, say in July.

These recorded fitness checks to be reported back to the national coach as well as to the Technical Committee.

CONDITION TRAINING SESSIONS

These sessions are to concentrate on the following:

a) Endurance.
b) Ability.
c) Resistance to fatigue.
d) Speed — an efficient neuro-muscular co-ordination.
e) Power — a combination of speed and strength to develop explosive movement.
f) Skills — co-ordination of the brain and muscles.

A fitness test every second week must be done to test muscular performance, organic function and to include the Harvard Step Test.

TECHNICAL OBJECTIVES

The aim here is for perfection with the ball. That is to increase the player's speed to the maximum, combined accuracy in passing and placing the ball (ball-control).

TACTICAL OBJECTIVES

Make the whole squad familiar with one another's ability, using the 4-3-3 and 4-4-2 playing systems to perfection. Close marking when necessary even against better odds and zone defence will be developed.

It is necessary to develop tactics so that the team can change their play to carry out more difficult tasks.

EDUCATIONAL AIMS

Building up players' morale and achieving a friendly relationship with confidence and the will to win as well as overcoming the emotional stresses that can exist in a game.

It must be up to the technical committee to find out relevant factors such as climatic conditions, rainfalls, local customs, foods, water and ground conditions (dimensions, soil and situation of the stadium plus winds).

We should know and analyse the manner of play of our opponents and know the key players, physical condition, tactics.

AUSTRALIAN STYLE

The players should think fast and move fast, eat think and sleep Soccer. Tactical planning and reconstruction of methods should be adopted.

A suitable Australian style, based on the Australian mentality and temperament must be developed. The tactical task should include theory and practical realisation.

TRAINING TIME FOR PROGRAMME

For seven days every year, physical preparation to be carried out with the 22 players, the coach, physiotherapist and conditioner, with medical check-up.

Every second month, the squad should work together for three days, Monday to Wednesday, under the coach, part-time assistant and the physiotherapist.

On the Tuesday, a friendly match against either a first or second division club side must be played.

There should be at least four or five friendly internationals played every year, and the national squad should be assembled at least two days before such matches and put into a camp; the camp should comprise 16 players.

This should be done for the next three years (1982, '83, '84).I suggest that the under 16 and under 19 squads be used as sparring partners for the national squad. This will prove beneficial to the youngsters as well, giving them further experience.

I also advise that the selection of the national squad should be based on unity, say three or four players chosen from the same club team as they play constantly together and this would also be the case with the national squad.

Thus:

a) The squad must be formed.

b) A performance chart be kept for each player enabling the individual evaluation of a player's physical capabilities.

c) Consideration be given to time and facilities available.

d) Soccer ground, times and number of training sessions be known and, wherever possible, training sessions to be executed in daylight hours.

e) Complete medical check-ups twice a year.

TRAINING SCHEME

a) Exercises be practised in detail with times devoted to each move.

b) Character of the session.

c) The equipment needed for each session.

d) Regular and conscientious training.

e) Training plan must be interesting and varied.

f) Development of players' physical and mental capacity.

g) Development of friendship, team spirit and a full understanding of UNQUESTIONED discipline.

h) Attention to character and will to succeed.

i) Technique capacity level improvements.

j) Tactical tasks, theory and practical realisation.

k) Organisation of different lectures and player conferences.

l) Utmost efficiency in all training procedures.

m) Transfer of the effect of each exercise into close reality.

n) Preparing suitable training partners.

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Training to be split into two parts — practical and theoretical.

Practical for developing technique, skills (trapping, shooting, tackling, body-feints, ball control, heading, throw-ins, etc). Goalkeepers to achieve perfection under match conditions.

Theoretical training consisting of the players learning through lectures, videos, blackboard, conferences and Laws of the Game. The medical panel should lecture on hygiene and healthy living.

A TENTATIVE TIME ALLOCATION

	Percent
Shooting	40
Receiving	20
Heading	10
Ball leading	8
Dribbling	7
Tackling	3
Throw-ins	2
Set moves	10

PERIODICAL TRAINING PLAN

LOAD: light, medium, heavy.

CHARACTER: fitness, tactical, technical, combined.

FITNESS: endurance, strength, speed, elasticity, skill.

TECHNIQUES: kicking, heading, receiving, dribbling, ball leading,throw-ins, tackling, goalkeeping, team-play.

TACTICS: defence, attacking team-play, exercises, practice play.

INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

Faults must be corrected, weaknesses eliminated and mastery gained in the various required skills.

Lectures on various subjects — diet, laws of the game, videos, hygiene, etc."

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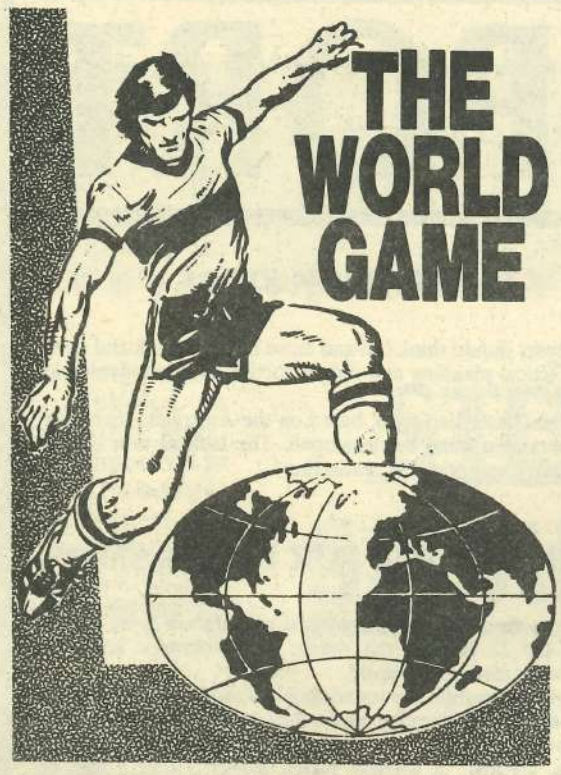

TBILISI WANT TO BEAT LIVERPOOL

Dinamo Tbilisi are keenly looking forward to meeting, and beating, England's mighty Liverpool in the European Super Cup.

That is the competition between the winners of the European Cup and the Cup Winners Cup.

Tbilisi beat Carl Zeiss Jena in the Cup Winners Cup Final while Liverpool overcame Real Madrid in the European Cup.

Two years ago, the Russian club put Liverpool out of the European Cup — and they've improved a lot since.

British magazine "World Soccer" quotes one of Tbilisi's top stars, Vladimir Gutsayev: "It was important for us to beat Carl Zeiss Jena. But it was even more important for outsiders to see how well Dinamo Tbilisi can play. Soviet teams have a reputation for being predictable and not very skilful. We want to put that right."

Gutsayev, like most of the Russians, was very disappointed when only a small crowd turned up for the Cup Winners Cup Final in Dusseldorf — 9,000 was the estimated attendance.

He is obviously proud of his team's high standard of play and is keen to show it off to the rest of the world.

VALENCIA MAKE A PROFIT

One of South America's outstanding forwards, Fernando Moreno, has quit Europe to return to Uruguay's Penarol.

Moreno brought a transfer fee of $1,000,000 to his Spanish club, Valencia. It looks like good business for Valencia who bought Moreno from Penarol two years ago for not much more than half of that figure.

The Spanish team has had two years service from the Uruguayan centre-forward — and still made a handsome profit.

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SOH SORRY TO SEE YOU GO!

International players in European countries regard 100 appearances for their country as an almost unheard-of achievement. For instance, the most-capped Englishman is Bobby Moore with an amazing 108 games for his country.

But that would be regarded as commonplace by Soh Chin Aun who has captained Malaysia for the past five years. Soh Chin Aun has played more than 200 times for Malaysia, as has team-mate Shukor Salleh.

The pair are unlikely to collect many more international caps. After Malaysia flopped in the World Cup qualifying Group games in Kuwait, both players were sacked from the squad.

What's more they were told: "The door is closed permanently on you," Malaysia's Football Association president passed that verdict.

ULE STIELIKE

STIELIKE NOT IMPRESSED

Europeans still argue the merits of the Real Madrid — Liverpool European Cup Final . . . and Real still cannot understand how they lost to a Liverpool side which rarely sparkled.

Real's star German import Uli Stielike says: "Liverpool were far better in 1977 when I played against them for Moenchengladbach. They are still a good team but we didn't play as well as we can."

Coach Boskov weighed in with: "Liverpool's football is programmed and machine-like. We at Real play a more individualistic game. And if football is to survive, it is the individuals who will have to lead the way."

MARADONA MAY MOVE

Did Boca Juniors overstep their financial capability when they paid huge money to lure Diego Mardona from Argentinos Juniors?

It's reported that Boca are in serious financial trouble — so much so that they may have to return the brilliant Maradona to his former club.

Either that, or sell him to one of several European clubs anxious to sample the Maradona magic.

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Spain, Argentina, Brazil . . . and now Chile. The qualifiers for next year's World Cup in Spain are gradually assembling. Spain, as hosts, and Argentina, as Cup holders, go automatically into the Cup of course.

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Another UEFA disciplinary decision . . . Inter Milan's next match in the UEFA Cup will have to be played at least 300 km from Milan because of crowd misbehaviour when Inter played Real Madrid in this year's European Cup.

PLAYERS CASH IN ON CHEAP DEALS

Greek glamour club, Panathinaikos, have pulled off a sensational three signings by persuading John Kirastas, Mike Galakos and Angelo Anastasiadis to join them on the cheap.

Kirastas and Galakos come from champions Olympiakos and Anastasiadis is from PAOK.

After eight years service with any club, players, according to the Greek laws, are able to get away on relatively small transfer fees.

In fact, Olympiakos were paid only $90,000 for Kirastas and Galakos and PAOK received $30,000 for Anastasiadis.

The really big money went into the pockets of the players. They picked up:-

Kirastas $120,000
Galakos $180,000
Anastasiadis $120,000

MILAN PAY BIG FOR A GUEST

Johan Cruyff, playing as a guest for A.C. Milan, was well paid for his few appearances in Italy.

He turned out in the competition involving winners of the World Club Championship and was rewarded with match fees of $40,000 for each of the four games.

As we reported in ASW recently, there is little chance of Cruyff playing regularly for A.C. Milan in their first year back in the Italian first division.

At those match fees, can any team afford the flying Dutchman?

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GERMAN BOYS LOOK GOOD

West Germany, kings of European football at senior level, are obviously not so bad in the schoolboy game.

At Wembley recently, in front of 75,000 spectators, West Germany's Boys beat England Boys 2-1 and German goalkeeper Christian Mock was the star turn.

Germany's goals came from Rudi Lorch and Markus Ehreiser while England scored through Mark West.

KRANKL DEAL GOES THROUGH

After playing for some time on loan for Rapid Vienna, Hans Krankl has finally been transferred to that club from Barcelona in Spain.

The fee was $625,000.

Krankl was a big success for Austria in the 1978 World Cup matches and that's what caused Barcelona to buy him. But there are rules in Spain about imports. Barcelona already has Alan Simonsen of Denmark and Berndt Schuster of West Germany, so Krankl had to go. Teams may not field more than two imports.

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ITALY

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS:

BARI — S'DORIA	1-0
CESENA — A'LANTA	2-0
GENOA — RIMINI	2-0
VICENZA — CATANIA	4-1
MONZA — FOGGIA	1-0
PALERMO — LECCE	0-0
PRESCARA — AC. MIL	1-0
SPAL — VERONA	1-1
TARANTO — LAZIO	1-1
VARESE — PISA	4-0

FINAL SECOND DIVISION POINTS:

AC MILAN 50, CESENA 48, GENOA 48, LAZIO 46, SAMPDORIA 43, PESCARA 41, PISA 39, BARI 37, RIMINI 36, FOGGIA 36, LECCE 36, SPAL 35, CATANIA 35, PALERMO 34, VARESE 34, VERONA 34, VICENZA 33, TARANTO 30, ATALANTA 30, MONZA 25.

AC MILAN, CESENA, and GENOA promoted to FIRST DIVISION. MONZA, ATALANTA, TARANTO and VICENZA demoted to THIRD DIVISION.

MEET LITTLE AND LARGE!

The short and the tall of it! Washington Diplomats claim to have the smallest and the biggest players in the North American League.

Ross Jenkins is 6 ft. 6 in. and David Bradford is 5 ft. 5 ins.

Bradford's lack of size, though, doesn't make him an easy touch. The little man was sent off against Cosmos for "landing a forearm blow to the head of Roberto Cabanas."

The game was at Washington's RFK Stadium and the crowd 27,767.

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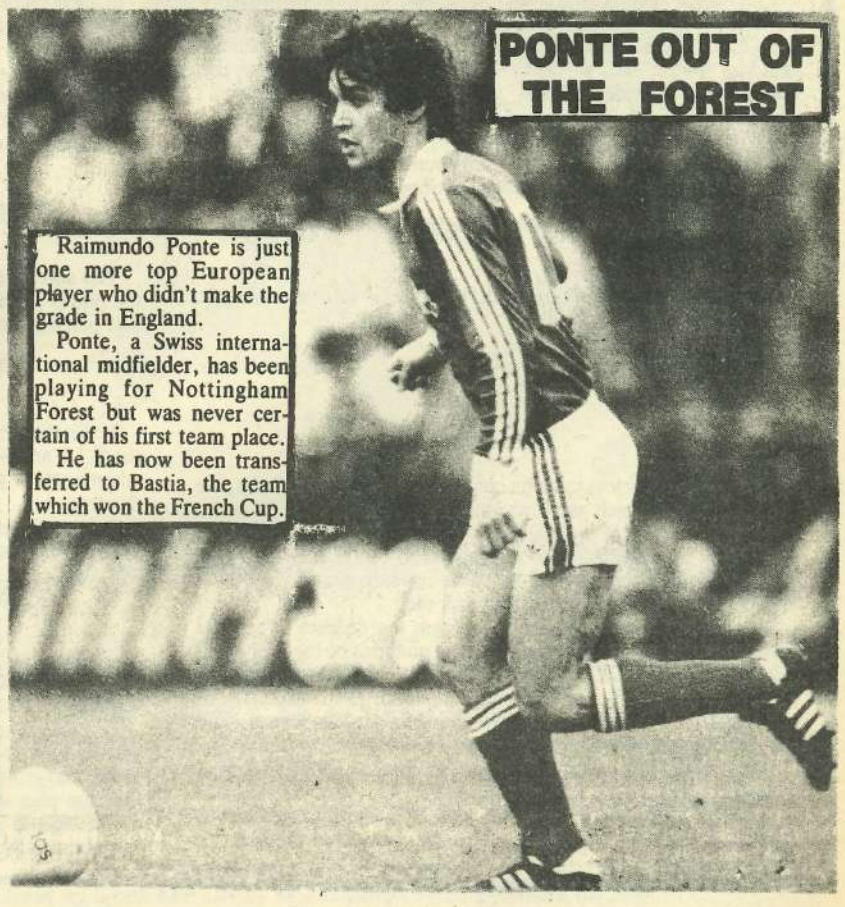


PONTE OUT OF THE FOREST

Raimundo Ponte is just one more top European player who didn't make the grade in England.

Ponte, a Swiss international midfielder, has been playing for Nottingham Forest but was never certain of his first team place.

He has now been transferred to Bastia, the team which won the French Cup.

WOLLONGONG WERE DEAD BORING

By Brad Earl

Anyone who had no knowledge of the Philips League standings would have thought Sydney City were just a mediocre mid-table team, and Wollongong relegation certainties, after viewing their deferred Round 13 match.

Only one goal was scored, but at least it went the right way — to the Slickers. It would have been highway robbery if that Wollongong side got away with one or both points.

The Sydney side had most of the possession, and on the occasions the Wolves held possession, they made basic Soccer mistakes — miskicks, passing to opponents, free-kicks wasted — and lost the ball before doing anything worthwhile with it.

There wasn't too much flair from the Slickers, either. They were empty in midfield, with Ian Souness suspended, Jim Patikas only just returned from the New Caledonia Youth tournament, and Murray Barnes injured. Jim Cant, Alec Robertson and Willie Murray came in, but none of them are through-and-through midfielders.

It looked as if the team was going to fire when, after only two minutes, John Kosmina stylishly stormed passed a few defenders, but couldn't make anything of his final shot.

The Wollongong defence (which was usually the whole team) was very vulnerable, but the Slickers never were able to fully manipulate and obliterate it, perhaps because of the lack of true midfield service and central striker Kosmina having an off-night.

Natch Vardareff, the unlucky man between the 'Gong sticks, had the most work of all the Wolves, and in the 16th minute, showed his style by getting down well at the feet of Murray.

However, in the 68th minute, he was beaten by Cant, who hit a probing shot from the edge of the penalty area that found its way through to the back of the net.

At the other end of the field, Todd Clarke, the Slickers' keeper, would have had a harder night watching TV! Apart from a couple of saves near the end when Wollongong pressured slightly more, he was only called upon to save a few back-passes, including a wayward one from Kevin Mullen in the 60th minute, which qualified for Wollongong's best chance!

Willie Murray and Jim Cant were hard workers for the Slickers, and Murray, and Kenny Boden at stages, tried to open up the game and turn on the skill and flair that has been synonymous with Sydney City.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton said: "I feel sick."

"We set out to stifle them in the first half against the wind, but things just didn't go our way.

"But how many shots at goal did they have?"

SYDNEY SLICKERS: Clarke, Mullen (capt), Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Robertson, Cant, Watson (Patikas 82), Murray (Lee 82), Boden, Kosmina.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis, Bertogna, de Graaf, Dunleavy (capt), Ainsworth, Adam, Fleming (Campbell 61), Tredinnick, Lathan, McBreen.

Referee: P. Rampley (Sydney). Crowd: 2,413.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Slickers - Murray (2); Wollongong - Vardareff (1)

Slickers' Willie Murray bores in, but Wollongong keeper Natch Vardareff has it covered.

TOP CUP DUEL TO BRING FANS

PHILIPS CUP QUARTER-FINAL — MARCONI V LEICHHARDT

By Alex Vesic

Two Italian-backed clubs always provide a lot of fire when they meet and this time it should be no exception.

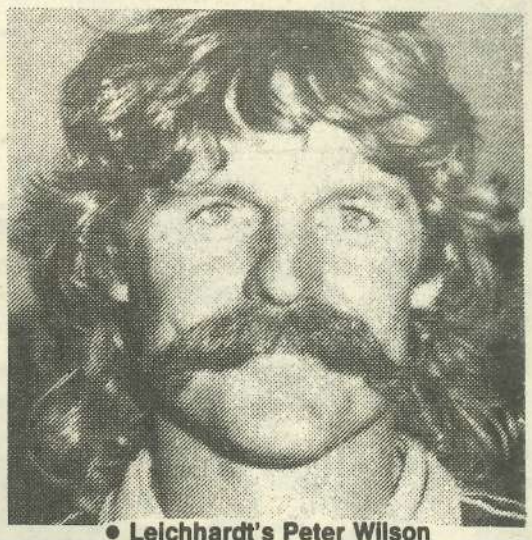
Both teams are still within reach of the top clubs, which should only add fuel to the feelings of rivalry between them. Supporters are bound to come in droves to Barton Park and add to the spectacle.

Marconi, still trying to revive memories of its past successes in the PSL, are bound to take the initiative and should have more speed and aggression than their Leichhardt counterparts, but their indifferent form in front of goal, plus the sturdy Leichhardt defence should provide a classic encounter.

Leichhardt will be hard pressed to keep possession in midfield when Byrne, Housseini and possibly Picioane take the field. Marconi's front-runners should be getting sufficient service to threaten Greg Woodhouse and much will depend on the ability of the old "war horse" Peter Wilson and his goalkeeper Woodhouse to keep the Fairfield side out.

For Leichhardt, one should look to Phil O'Connor, Tony Morsello and Sebastian Giampaolo for fire power up-front, and should this trio fire Allan Maher will have a lot to worry about.

Marconi is my pick, but only by a small margin.



• Leichhardt's Peter Wilson

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Here are the answers to last week's Presto Quiz:-

1.Real Madrid. 2.Sydney City. 3.South Melbourne. 4.Yes, twice. 5.One. 6.No.

The winner was:

Lynne Fry, of 11/92 Grand Parade, Brighton Le Sands, NSW, 2216, who chose a leg of Presto ham.

Now try this week's Presto Quiz:-

1. What club does Martyn Crook play for ?
2. How many teams were in the 1980 PSL ?
3. England beat Hungary in Budapest recently — true or false ?
4. Who did Brazil beat in the 1958 World Cup Final ?
5. Name Arsenal's Irish international goalkeeper.
6. What nationality is Diego Maradona ?

The winner of this Quiz will be announced in next Tuesday's issue of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY.

PRESTO
MEAT & SMALLGOODS

STRAIGHT SHOOTING

With MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

From Doug Collins, Sydney Olympians new coach, we haven't seen anything yet.

But we do have something interesting we can expect.

"The game belongs to the public," he said.

That is his philosophical idea for Soccer, and that is what he will try to show us with his new team.

An open, aggressive and entertaining show for the public.

It seems that English coaches, apart from their ability, have the talent to be good salesmen of the game as well. Collins' words remind me of a recent dialogue in the dressing room at Pratten Park between Tommy Docherty and the coach of the opposing team, whose reputation is one of the best in the country.

Docherty had been asked what he felt about the good reception he and his team were gettingfor their open attacking style of play.

The answer which was given to us, in front of many journalists and officials, was: "Without these people, we wouldn't have our jobs. This is the show the people want and we will try to give it to them for the money they pay."

Completely opposite was the opinion of the opposing coach, when he was asked: "Why are you using catastrophic tactics in your team's style of play, when the people don't like that?"

The answer was crazy, but don't jump out of your clothes when reading his answer.

"Who cares about the public? Let them . . ." he said.

"I'm interested in the result and I'm indifferent as to which way I achieve it."

Two professional coaches expressing clearly their opinion and view on the same subject; for the public and the show.

The first positive and progressive. . .the second negative and catastrophic: the diametrical opposites.

Docherty's view was positive because, with the brilliant style he gave to Sydney Olympic, he not only caused his team to be spoken about all over Australia, but he brought back the forgotten fans as well.

Completely negative was the second coach's opinion; he wants to set himself up as worthy of study among all the other coaches of the country. But with his disgraceful tactics, he has cut his team's supporters by half.

One more benefit from Docherty's presence is that the Soccer followers in our country have not disappeared. They exist, but we keep them away and in obscurity, because coaches do not give them what they want.

Silly tactics by some coaches have transformed the most beautiful and simplest game into a complex and uninteresting affair for the public.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Philips Soccer League

BRISBANE LIONS V ADELAIDE GIANTS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Richlands.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Amos. Linesmen - G. Nicholson, D. Klose.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS V PRESTON RAMS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Gabbie Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - D. Rennie. Linesmen - R. Barton, M. Loupis.

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS V STH MELB. GUNNERS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: International Sports Centre.
OFFICIALS: Referee - A. Rodway. Linesmen - B. Ray, O. Scevak.

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS V WOLLONGONG WOLVES
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Lambert Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - P. Rampley. Linesmen - B. Fowler, A. Morrison.

SYDNEY OLYMPIANS V CANBERRA ARROWS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Pratten Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - R. Lorenc. Linesmen - G. Power, K. Tooke.

HEIDELBERG WARRIORS V SYDNEY SLICKERS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Olympic Park.
OFFICIALS: Referee - J. Johnston. Linesmen - J. Fearn, N. Karlich.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V BRISBANE GLADIATORS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 3.00 pm.
VENUE: Schintler Reserve.
OFFICIALS: Referee - C. Bambridge. Linesmen - M. Momont, J. Brennan.

ADELAIDE HAWKS V MARCONI LEOPARDS
DATE: Sunday, July 12. KICK-OFF: 2.30 pm.
VENUE: Hindmarsh Stadium.
OFFICIALS: Referee - G. Neal. Linesmen - T. Martell, J. Woodward.

PHILIPS CUP
MARCONI LEOPARDS V LEICHHARDT STRIKERS (Quarter-final)
DATE: Wednesday, July 8. KICK-OFF: 8.00 pm.
VENUE: St George Stadium.

Soccer Terms explained: No. 7

A "Free".

Meaning "free kick"—a place kick awarded following an infringement by an opposing player. Depending on the seriousness of the offence, the kick may be either "direct", from which a goal may be scored directly, or "indirect", from which a goal cannot be scored until the ball has been touched by a player other than the kicker.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S PREVIEWS

BLACKTOWN v PRESTON

By Keith Gilmour

Although they call out Blacktown way "Fibro Country", Preston will find themselves ramming into more than that when they meet at the Gabbie.

Mike Milovanovic will be back after suspension to restore the brick-like structure of the Demons' central defence, and as well youth international Robert Wheatley will have settled back into the side following the Noumea episode.

The reinforced Prestonians will find that the Demons' back wall is also made more solid by the presence of Tony Rusmussen, who has cemented a place for himself in the side this season.

In addition the Demons now have their Yugoslav import Branislav Krstic.

The combination of Wheatley with John Djordjevic and the running of Stuart Selvage and Paul Burrows is a big plus for Blacktown, but surely it is time for Preston to hit their straps.

Ljube Petrovski and Doug Brown must be pressing for positions, Isaac Farrell settled in immediately he arrived from Canberra, and Peter Boyle has only to reach his top to be outstanding in the build-ups.

Preston's likely forward trio of Robbie Cullen, Peter Ollerton and Alan Whittle looks the part.

There is now skill there to turn what was earlier often a hard running but unimaginative side into something far, far better.

But Preston looks more convincing at the front than at the back, and for that reason the all round drive of the Demons could give their visitors a deal of trouble.

Preston's record is not that good away from home, and perhaps for that reason alone Blacktown might well scrape in, but there is unlikely to be a goal difference between the sides, if that.

• Blacktown's Tony Rasmussen

WEST ADELAIDE v MARCONI

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Hawks will beat Marconi-Datsun at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

That prediction is not based on form, but on the law of averages.

The simple fact is Hawks are long overdue a home League win on the form they've been showing — doing everything but getting the ball in the back of the net often enough.

And if all goes according to plan, Hawks will have a Greek guest striker — Kostas Kouis from the Aris club in Salonica — to stick the ball past Allan Maher.

Colin Gregson, their English import on a two-year contract, should also be here, to operate in midfield.

Peter Kowlaski has fitted in up front since joining Hawks from State League club Croatia, and Manecas, the Portuguese import, is now building a reputation as a goal-a-game man.

With Ian McGregor back in midfield after having to operate at full-back while Ian McKie was with the Youth Socceroos and Zoran Maricic was injured, Hawks will have power to burn across the middle of the park — Gregson, McGregor, and Graham Honeyman plus Robert Marwe, the big former Giants midfield striker whom Hawks signed last week from Croatia.

As usual, Marconi look strong on paper, but earlier in the season they beat Hawks only 1-0 in Sydney, and despite names like Peter Sharne, Mark Jankovics, Eddie Krncevic, etc., will hold no fears for the Adelaide team.

The home players are now beginning to grasp what coach Peter Jaksa wants from them, and the first home win since the 4-0 drubbing of Preston on May 10 should come on Sunday.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC V CANBERRA ARROWS

By Eddie Schwarz

There are still many Olympic supporters who mourn the passing of Tommy Docherty — and it will take them a long time to reconcile themselves to the fact that The Doc is digging in at Deepdale.

Those fans should stop living in the past. The rest of this PSL season is more about the deeds of Doug Collins, Kenny Wilson, Jim Ziras, Graham Jennings and the other young Olympians . . . no matter how highly regarded was Docherty.

Olympic have virtually no chance of the premiership and seem well clear of relegation worries. It is the ideal climate for new coach Collins to carry on with his team building, free from the pressures which accompany title-chasing or relegation.

In this frame of mind, Olympic are capable of taking two points from Canberra, although nobody would doubt the Arrows quality.

It has taken Arrows quite a long time to become a power in the PSL, which is understandable for a club starting from scratch.

Perhaps 1981 will be Canberra's year. In the O'Shea brothers, Duncan Cole, Tony Brennan and Don Maclaren, they have useful players, perhaps even title-winning players.

Coach George Murray says he is trying to get his men to play attractive football and, judging by this year's efforts, Murray is succeeding.

Indeed both of these teams are well equipped to give the Pratten Park fans an afternoon to remember.

I lean a little towards an Olympic win — providing goals are not wantonly squandered as they have been so often in the past.

BRISBANE LIONS V ADELAIDE GIANTS

By Wally Bruce

Adelaide Giants will again display the wares they hope will carry them to the Philips League title when they clash with Brisbane Lions at Richlands on Sunday.

But the Giants had better beware, as Newcastle KB is the only team to escape from the Lions den with maximum points this year.

In fact Queensland is fast becoming a burial ground for most of the southern clubs and the former leaders, South Melbourne, are the latest to return home severely clawed.

Bob Latchford will be missing from the Lions camp for the first time in six weeks — obviously his presence alone will be sorely missed.

And Giants have the advantage of the presence of the brilliant Justin Fashanu to link up with John Nyskohus and David Mitchell.

Fashanu may well remember a previous meeting with Lions' Col Bennett, when Norwich City played against Queensland at Perry Park, and the big stopper on that occasion gave "Fash" no leeway whatever.

Adelaide City, like South Melbourne, never fail to produce attractive football when they come to Brisbane, unlike many other grafting teams, and that factor again will provide a heatlhy gate.

Lions have not done much wrong at home this season so they could easily win this one without causing any major shockwaves.

In the corresponding match last year, with Rale Rasic at the helm, Adelaide City won 2-1.

NEWCASTLE KB V SOUTH MELBOURNE

By Ian Smith

There is a chemical reaction familiar to most schoolboys. It concerns a piece of paper. Litmus paper. It is literally "the acid test".

Such a test confronts Newcastle this weekend. Though publicly Ray Baartz states that he is only looking for a spot in the top four and would be more than happy with that, only a fool would believe that he doesn't cast a gleaming eye at the top place.

With performances that can only be described as brilliant, the team has lifted itself from the ground floor to the crowded corridor outside the executive suite.

The star-studded South Melbourne recently occupied that room and may well do so again. They have players on the substitutes bench who would grace most other starting line-ups in the League.

However, away from home, the Gunners have only won twice in nine matches. Current form points to a slight favouritism in KB's favour.

I would support that, but my reasons will differ from most other scribes.

It is my belief that Steve Sumner's contribution, particularly during the Channon period, was grossly underestimated by the majority of observers.

His play off the ball is an object lesson for any young enthusiast wishing to broaden his knowledge of the game.

I also believe it is he who has been mainly responsible for Joe Senkalski shining more so than usual, and it is in midfield where Newcastle can take the game.

If you look at the names of KB goalscorers recently, the only certain thing is that anyone may score. That happens only when your engine-room delivers power uniformly throughout.

The one visiting player who worries me is Steve Wooddin. Against his national captain, and also ex-Kiwi star Roy Drinkwater, he should be inspired. One can never discount Campbell, Evans and Christopolous either.

It should be tighter than other recent games at the International Sports Centre and let's hope they can attain that magic five-figure crowd.

FOOTSCRAY EAGLES V BRISBANE GLADIATORS

By Greg Blake

Footscray, on their home turf at least, are statistically one of the best sides in the country.

In fact in my book the Eagles are one of the most maligned teams in Australia (of course I've never seen them play away where they've managed only a single point in 10 games). Nevertheless, in recognition of the fact that their last defeat at home was back on April 26, and because the last two times I've tipped them to win they've done the right thing by me, I'll say they can win another point at home to Brisbane City this week.

Before I get any mail from irate Queenslanders I must explain that I'm not saying Footscray are as good as the northern heroes. Because they're not.

The last I saw of City was only a matter of weeks back when they put together what could best be described as a fighting performance to come back to tie the match at Preston 1-1.

It was their defence that impressed me that day.

Kevin Caldwell, Billy Wilkinson and man of the match Jimmy Dunne were all in the side that day and should have no trouble handling a fairly insipid Footscray attack.

However the story is a different one in midfield where Larry Gaffney, Bobby Hamilton and Frank Pimblett all had a field day against Preston.

They won't on Sunday. Simarlarly their strike force revolving around Joe Palinkas and Paul Wilkinson will get little change from one of the meanest defences in the League.

LEICHHARDT V WOLLONGONG

By John Field

The Wollongong "drawn game specialists" will again be seeking a precious away point when they travel to Lambert Park to play Willie Wallace's Leichhardt.

On Channel Seven TV recently, Wollongong coach Ken Morton strongly denied that his team deliberately tries for draws, yet evidence suggests this is, in fact, the case.

A few days after that Morton interview, Wollongong did their best to grab another draw when they played Sydney City at St George Stadium, though a lone Jimmy Cant goal gave the Sydney side a 1-0 victory.

One has to sympathise with Morton and his players. They are in their first season in the Philips League and are slowly feeling their way against experienced opponents. Their prime aim this year is survival, as it must be; they will leave the glory-hunting until 1982 or 1983.

But draws are no good to Leichhardt right now. The Lambert Park team is still optimistic about finishing high up in the PSL although that ambition was rudely dented in a 4-1 defeat from Newcastle KB.

Leichhardt's strength is in defence where Peter Wilson, Mark Pullen, Greg Woodhouse and the rest give nothing away. Up front they rely on the dangerous wing raiding of Phil O'Connor and opportunist goalscoring from Marshall Soper.

Wollongong have not been beaten many times this season because their style of play frequently frustrates the opposition. So if Leichhardt want the points, they'll have to work hard for them right from the first whistle.

I think Leichhardt will just scrape home.

• Leichhardt's Phil O'Connor

HEIDELBERG V SYDNEY CITY

By Alex Vesic

Heidelberg Warriors will go into this match hoping to repeat their last year's Grand Final form when they soundly thrashed Sydney City.

Alas, hopes and reality don't seem to "gell" at the moment, and it doesn't look like they will in this encounter, as the high-riding Slickers are poised to take control at the top of the League table. In fact the form guide strongly suggests yet another defeat for the home side.

However, one must not overlook the fine qualities of this Heidelberg outfit and with Paton and Cole back to their best and some fine ball supply from the engine room of Selemidis, Rooney and Campbell, the visitors will be in for a tough afternoon.

In fact this Heidelberg side has shown some good form in front of goal to knock in some 24 goals from 18 games at the time of writing, but their downfall was definitely at the back. They have conceded almost two goals per game and should tighten their game at the back if they are to make any inroads against the strong Sydney City attack.

A point each way is the most likely outcome, in a game where goals are bound to be plentiful.

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LUCK OF THE GUNNERS

By Peter Georgiou

The 20th round of this year's championship was very kind to South Melbourne. Their win over Blacktown by 2-1 and the shock defeat of Adelaide City helped the Gunners hold second place.

South Melbourne was the luckier of the two teams playing at Middle Park. Blacktown was unlucky to concede an own goal.

During a very boring and scoreless first half Souths had most of the game through defensive tactics and very rough tackling, which should have debited Rogers with at least one yellow card.

Within 60 minutes the home team came close to scoring when Christopoulos, after passing Pointer, made a very weak shot to the open goal which eventually ended wide.

Blacktown counter-attacked two minutes later and won a free kick which was taken by Djordjevic and as the ball was going towards goal Jones headed just over the crossbar.

Souths, still in control, missed a very good chance in the 22nd minute as Xanthopoulos, taking the ball from a cross by Wooddin, mis-kicked it towards a defender in front of an open goal.

The game was lifted in the second half and James exhibited his talent with a brilliant save from a cross by Campbell. Blacktown started to press Souths with Djordjevic and Jones working well in midfield.

But the visitors were unlucky as they conceded an own goal in the 62nd minute when the ball, as Pointer tried to clear it, bounced off the back of Hormazabal and ended in the net.

In an effort to score again, Souths won an indirect foul and as Stevenson lined the ball for Bannon the defender sent a thunderous shot which smashed through the palms of James and pinned the ball into the net, making the score 2-0.

Blacktown went all out in the last quarter of the game, forcing Laumets to a brilliant save from a shot by O'Donnell and in the 78th minute they reduced the score to 2-1 when Jones took the ball among four panicked defenders and slammed it into the net.

While Blacktown was in total control, Souths made a last minute effort to increase the score and they almost made it but Rogers, who came face to face with the visitors' goalkeeper, instead of going aside to place his shot, preferred to go straight on the goalkeeper, thus losing the ball and a perfect chance.

Blacktown coach, Rale Rasic, was furious after the game, complaining about the rough tactics applied by South Melbourne, calling the place a jungle and condemning Australian Soccer the way it's played today.

South Melbourne's Steve Blair is first — despite a challenge from Peter Jones of Blacktown.

"This is a jungle not Soccer. We cannot talk of improving the game when we play like this," he said showing reporters the bruises on his players.

Souths coach John Margaritis said that his team is back on the winning trail and he hopes that they can stick away more goals.

Best were Christopoulos, Evans and Wooddin for Souths and for the visitors Milovanovic, Djordjevic and Jones were very impressive.

Yellow cards were shown to Jones (42) and Evans (71).

Referee: D Yelland Crowd: 4,000.

STH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Bannon, Davidson, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Stevenson, Christopoulos, Campbell (Buljevic 57), Evans, Wooddin.

BLACKTOWN: James, Selvage, Milovanovic, Rasmussen, Pointer, Djordjevic, Hormazabal, Jones, O'Donnell, Burrows (Wheatley 70), Turner.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Sth Melb - Christopoulos (2); Blacktown - Djordjevic (1)

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BY DAVID

Sydney Olympic's new coach D just what hit him at Sydney Athleti team went down 5 - 4 to top-of-the-

It was a most extraordinary affair to give Collins his first taste of Philips League Soccer in Australia.

For much of the match, Olympic seemed to be chasing their own tails, quite overwhelmed by the dominance inflicted by Slickers - plus the goals of course.

Those Slickers goals came too easily, although they were pretty spectacular.

Sydney City were a goal in front after 14 minutes and they added more goals after 21, 31, 40, and 64 minutes. While all this was going on, Olympic could make only one reply, an easy goal to Mark Koussas nine minutes before half-time from a ground cross by Graham Jennings.

By this time, new coach Collins was wondering if he'd been fed the wrong sort of information about Olympic's strengths and weaknesses !

Indeed Collins confessed after the match : "People told me my team couldn't score goals. Well, they scored four today. But they gave away five. Maybe we have a defensive problem and the trouble is NOT in the front line."

Of course the absence of the injured Jim Ziras must have upset the defence although as Collins said : "We cannot make excuses. Every team should be able to survive the loss of one player."

Slickers first two goals were real opportunist efforts, half-chances turned into good goals. Jimmy Cant got the first with a header and Ian Souness the next with a snap shot. Murray Barnes, despite carrying a ligament injury, added goals three and four with only 40 minutes gone. With the goal from Koussas, the tally was 4 - 1 at half-time.

Barnes completed his hat trick in the second half which meant Olympic were trailing 5 - 1 with only 26 minutes to go.

Give the beaten side full credit for fighting back. Peter Raskopoulos made it 5 - 2 and Graham Jennings scored a spectacular goal for 5 - 3. With one minute left, Koussas scored again but at 5 - 4, time had run out for the gutsy Olympians.

The crowd of more than 6,000 should have enjoyed a great goalscoring spectacle, which made it hard to understand why a few crazy characters in the crowd pelted a linesman with cans and fruit. Some people will never learn how to behave.

Slickers were right back to their best form and, despite the closeness of the scoreline, never seemed to be in danger of dropping a point. Ian Souness was in scintillating

PURDIE'S COSTLY MISS

By Steve Burns

The most incredible missed open goal ever seen at Bruce Stadium. That's how people described Ian Purdie's missed second half sitter which enabled Marconi to salvage a point from a goal-less draw at Canberra.

The Sydneysiders withstood immense second half pressure to keep their goal intact.

But there should have been only one winner — Canberra.

They were by far the more fluent team and came within an ace of becoming the first ever PSL outfit to clean sheet Marconi in a season having defeated them 2-0 in Sydney early in the year.

As Canberra's coach, George Murray, so rightly said: "We did more than enough to win.

"But it's that old, old story of creating the chances but failing to convert them.

"It is costing us dearly."

He must have been thinking of that incredible 60-second missed sitter by Purdie.

The Scottish import had beaten everyone — including Marconi's goalkeeper Allan Maher — but with an open goal before him he shot wide from a mere two metres.

"The ball stuck between my feet," a dejected Purdie said after the game.

Canberra had further reason to lament just minutes later. A thunderous Donald MacLaren ground shot appeared destined for the net, but somehow, with amazing reflex, Maher got his 6 foot 3 inch frame onto the ground to save although he failed to take the ball cleanly. Finally after Ian Gibson had gathered the rebound and fired it into a wall of red-shirted Marconi defenders it took Tony Henderson's boot to clear for a corner.

Again, minutes later, Maher was once more in action this time to tip a Duncan Cole long shot over the bar.

Shots, headers, all were tried by Canberra in an incredible 45 minutes that saw Marconi reduced to a 10-man defence.

All Raul Blanco's men could do was rely on the occasional break to keep in the game.

Amazingly, from one such incident, a goal almost resulted when Stewart Johnston's cross was flick headed by Eddie Krncevic and it took a goal line clearance from young Canberra defender, Michael O'Shea, to prevent a goal.

This was the only time in the half that Marconi looked dangerous.

Canberra played superb, fluent attacking Soccer and were far the better second half team.

Yet, in the first half, it was Marconi who started the better mainly through fine midfield work by players like Tony Henderson, Hussein Housseini and Bertie Mariani.

Yet well before half time Canberra had lifted their play rate, regained control and held onto it with tenacity for the rest of the game.

George Murray could be well pleased with young 17-year-old fullback, John Moutsopoulos, who looks a real find.

Terry Byrne again excelled as did Robert O'Shea and Donald MacLaren.

Allan Maher and Tony Henderson must take the points for Marconi followed closely by Housseini, particularly for his first half performance.

Canberra, however, should have won and the point lost might cost it dearly in its bid to stay with the top three or four teams.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, M.O'Shea, Moutsopoulos, J.O'Shea, Byrne, Cole, R.O'Shea, Purdie, Gibson (Massa 77), Brennan (Valeri 62), MacLaren.

MARCONI: Maher, Degney, Brogan, Henderson, Byrne, Housseini, Johnston, Mariani, Jankovics (Hunter 45), Krncevic, Sharne.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Canberra - MacLaren (2); Marconi - Maher (2)

SOPER'S SIXTH GOAL

by Keith Gilmour

Although Leichhardt's Marshall Soper failed to impress for the first 59 minutes, his searing header from a Phil O'Connor cross put paid to West Adelaide's chance of an upset at Lambert Park.

Soper is wrestling with the difference in pace and teamwork between Northern NSW State League and the Philips League, and it showed in his earlier play.

No sooner had he posted the first goal than he had another in the net, but on this occasion referee Tony Boskovic correctly ruled offside.

Soper has now netted six PSL goals — the same figure as O'Connor.

There was a world of difference between the bullocking of Soper and the class of Phil O'Connor in this 1-0 win.

O'Connor was on the job for 90 minutes, often dragging impossible crosses from the line, and giving the Hawks' right-back Ian McGregor some incredible headaches whenever he spent some time on the left wing.

The clever O'Connor did a little of his own copybook-blotting.

He should have had his name on the score sheet in the 82nd minute when Terry Butler and Tony Morsello gave invaluable contributions to a clever build-up.

O'Connor found himself right in front of a yawning goal, but he elected for a placement when a shot was required and West Adelaide somewhat shakily cleared their lines.

Hawks' coach Peter Jaksa was adamant that Peter Wilson had deliberately handled in his own penalty area, but referee Boskovic ruled that the ball had played the man.

The big difference in the Westad side has surely been sparked off by the ability of Vic Smythe and Peter Kowalski.

Smythe produced two great runs about the 55th minute mark that Slickers' Ken Boden would have been proud to own.

West Adelaide came back after Soper had demonstrated his killer instinct and all but scored in the 65th minute.

A foul by Bradley on the elegant youngster Tim Brown just outside the box brought an explosive free kick from Vic Bozanic, which Greg Woodhouse just managed to fist to safety.

LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse, McAusland, Pullen, Wilson, Hughes, Bradley, Gray, Kafka (Moresello 54m), Butler, O'Connor, Soper.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook, McGregor, Bozanic, Ford, Kambas, Topaz, Honeyman, Brown, (Maricic 67m), Smythe, Kowalski (Lorenzoni 67m), Manecas.

REFEREE(T. Boskovic.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Leichhardt: O'Connor 3, West Adelaide: Smythe 2.

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DEBUT OLLINS

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ug Collins must have wondered c Field on Sunday when his new table Sydney City Slickers.

form as was Murray Barnes and the so-consistent John Spanos.

For Olympic, I liked the wing raids of Jennings and the industrious midfield work supplied by Raskopoulos. Koussas also had a useful outing and even though he let in five, goalkeeper Gary Meier had no reason to feel he did much wrong in the exciting 90 minutes.

SYDNEY CITY : Clarke, Mullen, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Souness, Patikas, Barnes, Watson (Robertson 76 mts), Cant, Kosmina.

OLYMPIC : Meier, Moulis, Wilson, Rowden, Palmer, Raskopoulos, Katholos, Laing, Scott, Koussas, Jennings.

REFEREE : T.Davies.

MAN OF THE MATCH : Slickers - Souness 3 points. Olympians - Jennings 4 points.

BROTHERLY BATTLE AT SHOWGROUND

By Eddie Schwarz

Brotherly love was not much in evidence at Wollongong Showground on Sunday when Peter Tredinnick (Wollongong Wolves) and Howard Tredinnick (Newcastle KB) each went flat out to gain victory for their respective teams.

Both were disappointed. The teams had to settle for a 0-0 draw, a result which gave Wollongong their 11th draw of the season. Their home record is quite remarkable . . . 10 games, six drawn.

Probably Peter Tredinnick won the battle of the brothers. He certainly had a good game, emphasising just how much KB lost when they decided to sell him to the Wolves.

Wollongong fans were far from happy about dropping the point and were firmly convinced they had a perfectly good goal disallowed by referee Ken Small with only 11 minutes to play.

Clive Campbell headed the ball home after a centre from Glenn Fontana. But the referee insisted the ball had gone out of play before Fontana sent it over. It was a disappointing decision as far as the home team was concerned.

They faced further disappointment soon after, when Chris Dunleavy, the Wolves captain, looked certain to score the winning goal but he delayed his shot long enough for the KB defenders to recover.

Wollongong enjoyed most of the territorial advantage but that meant nothing when it did not inspire goals on the board.

At least the Wolves appear to have no defensive headaches. The signing of Arno Bertogna has proved to be $14,000 well spent, indeed Bertogna had a great game against KB. As with Peter Tredinnick, Newcastle must have many moments of anguish when they think about the deal which took Bertogna from north to south coast.

With Bertogna filling the hole in central defence, Dunleavy is able to be more creative. Coach Ken Morton said he has told Dunleavy to move more through the midfield. Morton says the experiment is working well and he is happy about Dunleavy's form.

Newcastle clearly missed their English international star, Mick Channon, who did so much in the previous week's hammering of Leichhardt. But at least another English international, full-back Paul Reaney, produced the goods. Reaney, ex-Leeds United, has been in great form recently. Nobody played better for KB against Wolves on Sunday.

The Tredinnick brothers were involved in one amazing incident. Peter Tredinnick crossed the ball and team mate John Lathan was all set to shoot for goal when Howard Tredinnick came running back and whacked the ball against his own crossbar!

Ken Morton said: "It would have been a magnificent goal, though unintended, if it had gone in."

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Fleming, Bertogna, De Graafe, Ainsworth, Adam, Dunleavy, Peter Tredinnick, Campbell, Fontana, Lathan.

NEWCASTLE: Dando, Reaney, Sneddon, Drinkwater, Howard Tredinnick, Senkalski, Sumner, Mason, Heys, Mountford, Jones.

REFEREE: K. Small.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Wollongong — Bertogna 5 pts; Newcastle — Reaney 3 pts.

THIS STUFF WAS THIRD-RATE

By Wally Bruce

"If this is the way they play Philips League these days, they won't get me back again." Those were the sentiments of a spectator who was watching his first PSL match for some time.

Unfortunately, he picked one of Brisbane's windiest winter days, which did nothing to promote attractive football: he also struck guilty parties in Brisbane City and Heidelberg.

City, after leading 1-0 with only 13 minutes left, succumed drastically in the dying moments to go down 2-1 and forfeit their impressive home unbeaten record.

Heidelberg, struggling for points, particularly away from home, were hell bent on taking home a point and their time-wasting throughout made a mockery of the game at some stages.

All the defenders often spent minutes strolling in, or near, the box before casually passing back to goalkeeper Jeff Olver, who also joined in by regularly rolling it straight back to where it came from.

City were just as guilty in this non-event because they failed to come up with a method of counteracting the negative tactics from a team which really had little to offer for long periods.

Things might have been different for the home side had Paul Wilkinson's 11th minute shot gone in instead of hitting the post.

Jamie Paton on the day was Heidelberg's most inventive player in a match short on inspiration. He had a goal disallowed when he was just offside, after finishing off a Gary Cole — Jim Rooney move in the 30th minute.

Just three minutes later, David Ratcliffe almost scored for City with a long-range header from a Joe Palinkas corner.

The second half looked as if it would take an eternity to finish as Heidelberg dropped back in great numbers, including Cole, who left Paton as the lone runner up front.

Just before City scored their goal in the 76th minute, Coe did well to make a great save from a Paton shot.

The deadlock was broken when Pimblett picked up a floated cross on the left of the box and chipped into the middle, where John McVeigh flicked on and Paul Wilkinson finished off.

It was due reward, and his eighth goal of the season for Wilkinson who only minutes before watched Olver block a goalbound shot with his legs.

Only two minutes after City hit the front, Heidelberg managed to draw level in most unexpected circumstances.

Martin Coe, who has been a tower of strength in the City goal this year, was seemingly mesmerised by a 25-metre John Yzendoorn shot, which sizzled into the roof of the net.

Even then, it seemed the match would finish on level terms, as neither side really deserved to win.

But in injury time, Gary Cole made a break and with the City defence nowhere in sight, slipped a square ball to Jim Campbell, who joyously cracked it past the diving Coe.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe, Caldwell, Ratcliffe, Dunne, W. Wilkinson, Vincenzino (Perry 80th), Pimblett, Gaffney, Palinkas, P. Wilkinson, McVeigh.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Provan, Yzendoorn, Mihailidis, Rooney, Selemidis, Campbell, Paton, Cole, Yankos (Bozikas 75th).

REFEREE: D. Nugent.

MAN OF THE MATCH: City — Dunne 2 Heidelberg — Paton 2

OLLIE REJOICES AT LAST

By Greg Blake

A simple summation of the Preston v Brisbane Lions clash would be to say that two unpretentious sides fought out a thoroughly enjoyable 1-1 draw in atrocious conditions at Connor Reserve.

However, there was a little more to it than that.

Lions adapted well to the foreign conditions and were desperately unlucky not to win the match.

Preston, after an initial burst, hung on grimly and fittingly it was new coach, Peter Ollerton, who climaxed the match by rising majestically at the far post to send a header crashing past Nigel Lownds to equalise just two minutes from full time.

It was Ollie's first PSL point after two successive losses.

A total of $34,000's worth of players signed in a heady fortnight (Isaac Farrell, Peter Boyle and Richard Wilson) made little difference to a Preston side which looked resigned to defeat with 10 minutes remaining.

In the 77th minute a Kevin Low corner rocketed from the head of Mark McNaughton, was parried poorly by Wilson, and Bobby Ferris darted in to put his header wide of Wilson's right hand.

One-nil to Lions would have seemed a just result despite the magnificent performances from the Rams' central defensive pair of Ljube Petrovski and George McMillan.

Even the Preston players began playing as if they thought the visitors were deserved winners.

But Farrell, a shining light last week, speared a delightful ball over the milling defence in the dying moments and Ollerton, bringing back memories of his glorious Socceroo days, soared over the man on the far post to score.

After taking a beating from an old sparring partner in Col Bennett for most of the day, Ollerton must have felt thrilled at having torn the point from his opponent's grasp.

But it was Lions, with a back-four unequalled in Australia at the moment and a couple of dynamic midfielders, who impressed in the mudbath.

Col Bennett, Jim Hermiston, Paul Ontong and Alan Niven were quite outstanding.

Bobby Ferris and Steve Hogg were forceful and a relative unknown in Jim Maclean on the left in midfield was invaluable.

Doug Brown, the recipient of some fiercetackles, was booked and drifted from the game and along with Ollerton and Robby Cullen saw precious little of the ball.

Peter Boyle was never in the race whilst Farrell and Alan Whittle neither attacked nor covered as such an expensive a trio is expected to.

Debutante Richard Wilson, a $12,500 purchase from Canberra, looked no better nor worse than previous keepers, Gary Clayton or Lou Kastner.

But at least there was entertainment.

McNaughton put a sitter over the bar early on, Brown charged away and hit the post, Rainey cleared Low's header off the line and both keepers were kept busy on what could have been a dismal wintery afternoon but thankfully was not.

PRESTON: Wilson, Beech, McMillan, Petrovski, Rainey, Boyle, Whittle (Lucceshi 57), Farrell, Cullen, Ollerton, Brown.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds, Niven, Bennett, Hermiston, Ontong, Ferris, Hogg, Maclean, McNaughton, Daunt, Low.

Referee: S Mellings. Crowd: 3,500.

MAN OF THE MATCH: Preston - Petrovski (4); Lions - Maclean (3)

EAGLES SWOOP ON GIANTS

By Tom McKain

Adelaide Giants stood astride the Philips League pinnacle for just one week then were clawed down by Footscray Eagles who flew into town and swooped out with two points from a shock 3-1 win.

And while their goal scorers must get credit, the man who made it all possible was Eagles goalkeeper, Denis Boland.

In the second minute he saved a Johnny Nyskohus penalty after Charlie Villani had been brought down by Steve Kakantonis.

This inspired the Melbourne side and in the 15th minute they bombarded the home goal when a rebound off goalkeeper, Jack Przybyliski, was hit against the crossbar by Bruno Cozzella and then Bugsy Nyskohus cleared the ball off the line only to see it come back for the goalkeeper this time to punch it clear.

But 30 seconds later as the ball was again cleared Zoran Ilioski sent in a dipper to beat Przybyliski and put the Eagles 1-0 up.

Giants attacked, but Boland was there again to thwart certain goals from Villani and David Jones, whose shot from a free-kick situation hit an Eagles defender but still the deflection could not beat the magical Boland.

Giants continued to turn it on for their fans but despite their roars Socceroo striker, David Mitchell, headed over the bar, Sergio Melta hit the bar and Villani headed past an upright and Brian Northcote was caught offside twice.

It took Giants until the 59th minute to equalise and it was then that Johnny Nyskohus made amends for failing to score the penalty.

Villani sent over a high-dropping corner to the far side of the box and Nyskohus launched his tiny frame into the air to lob the ball over Boland's outstretched arms.

But there was disaster to follow for Nyskohus. He passed the ball back and it went for a corner. The ball was sent over and Jim Kondarios was there to slot it home in the 73rd minute.

Two minutes later, Bruno Cozzella latched onto a ball just inside the box and pivoted to ram it home with the Giants defence stranded.

Before these two devastating goals, Boland was there again as he stopped shots from Sergio Melta and substitute, Peter Rankin, who came on for Northcote (ankle injury) in the 73rd minute.

While the Giants turned on another attacking game for what they had hoped would be their eleventh undefeated game, their defenders let them down and it was not a day Johnny Nyskohus will want to remember.

However, it must be said that while Giants looked the most dangerous side, Footscray kept their cool and turned on their usual ball-playing exhibition and to take away two points was even more meritorious when it is remembered that, for various reasons, none of their big name imports from Yugoslavia were fielded.

Before the match Giants' coach, Bob D'Ottavi, said his players knew that being on top of the table would not be easy and had psyched themselves for onslaughts from every section of the competition.

However, they learned a hard lesson and although they are not out of the hunt they are going to have to play all that much harder.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski, Russell, B Nyskohus, Northcote (Rankin 73), Jones, Villani, Melta, Perin, Marocchi, J Nyskohus, Mitchell.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, Kakantonis, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Jovanovic, Cozzella, Ilioski, Verweij, Belic, Lujic.

Referee: Donald Campbell (SA)

MAN OF THE MATCH: Adelaide - Melta (3); Footscray - Boland (4)

ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL TROPHY

As you can see, at the end of every PSL match report, the best player from each team is giving a rating from one to five.

"Why don't we see more five pointers?" you may ask. Well, how many players have you seen walk on water?

Five is an extremely rare rating in the ASW — MARCONI TRAVEL trophy competition — in fact two is a very good rating.

At every Philips League match, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY writers name the top player from each team, and give him a rating along the following lines:

5. Magnificent, brilliant performance
4. Outstanding, match-winning display
3. A great performance
2. Very good
1. Good

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

Junior clubs, schools and associations supplying stories and/or pictures to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY up to the issue of August 25, 1981, qualify for consideration for prizes of $150 for first, $100 for second and $50 for third. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final. Send your entries to ASW, Box 406, Broadway 2007.

NSW CHS FIELDS STRONG SIDE

Leading North Coast player Gary Phillips from Coffs Harbour has again won his place in the NSW Combined High Schools Soccer squad.

The team will be coached by John McDonald of Normanhurst High.

Manager Phil Hare reckons that this year's team will be at least as good as the strong 1980 outfit.

The players are: Tim Anderson (Springwood), David Bobinac (Malvina), Bob Catlin (Manly), Louis Dounis (Canterbury), George Fernandez (Liverpool), John Hardwick (Malvina), Zivko Hristovski (Keira), Tou Kortekaas (Figtree), Peter Kotamanidis (Keira), Carlo Logiudice (Drummoyne), Steven McKenna (Engadine), Philip McNeice (Carringbah), Kevin O'Donnell (Warilla), Gary Phillips (Coffs Harbour), Tony Skender (Kanakooka), Nick Theodorakopoulos (Canterbury), Bill Urwin (Sydney Tech), Lenny Vial (Marsden), Ray Vlictstra (Wollongong), Greg Walker (Muirfield), Danny Zanolla (Meadowbank).

ENGADINE EAGLES HAVE A BALL

By Keith Gilmour

Engadine Eagles, formed 20 years ago with just six teams, fields 61 teams this year.

And for their 20th birthday celebrations are on aplenty.

The 20th Anniversary Ball will be held at the Civic Centre, Sutherland on July 11.

Eighteen debutantes and their partners include many who play or have played with the club.

And that includes the fairer sex, as the club fields no less than six ladies teams.

Senior vice-president Kevin Preston says: "We believe we are the second largest Soccer club in Australia next to Belconnen in Canberra."

Kevin, the Eagles might also be the second largest club of any code in Australia!

The club was formed in the lounge-room of Alex Versigi on July 11, 1961.

Alex has managed teams and followed the club throughout the years and will be made an honorary life member of the club.

Life memberships will be granted on the night to Dolly Organ, wife of Eagles' president Keith Organ, Stella Preston for 18 years service, and Ken Reynolds.

A special award goes to Wayne Fillingham, who surely has created an enviable record of service in playing for the club for the entire 20 years of its existence.

In attendance will be Harry Denning, president of both the Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and of the Sutherland Shire FA.

The best known product of the Eagles is Mal Haynes, the Sutherland State League goalkeeper, who also starred for a period with Hakoah-Easts now Sydney City in the PSL.

At present playing for the Eagles in the Dallimore competition, the local premier league, are Phil Craggs, Joe Cacciola and Steve Akerman of former State League fame.

And many fine young players are making their way through the ranks.

KEITH GILMOUR ON

JUNIOR SOCCER

CLUBS RUSH WORLD YOUTH TICKETS

By Keith Gilmour

Order forms for tickets to the World Youth Championship finals are now in the hands of 1,500 Soccer clubs throughout much of Australia. Seats are selling like hot cakes.

With the mailing is the issue of "Young Champions", which includes details of all admission prices for adults and children at each of the match venues.

Clubs have until July 20 to make their bookings.

Don't miss out on this world-class Soccer event — the second biggest sports extravaganza ever staged in Australia.

Soccer club players and members receive first chance to arrange their seats or outer ground admissions. The tickets then go on sale at major agencies on August 1.

All match information, grounds and dates are summarised in the newsletter.

The series opens in Melbourne (with the opening ceremony), Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide on Saturday, October 3, and works through to the final on Sunday, October 18 in Sydney.

Group A plays in Brisbane, Group B in Melbourne, Group C in Adelaide and Canberra, and Group D in Sydney and Newcastle.

The grounds to be used are the Sydney Cricket Ground, Olympic Park Melbourne, Lang Park Brisbane, International Sports Centre, Newcastle, National Athletic Stadium at Bruce in Canberra, and the compact Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

How will the keen Australian side go? Will the tournament rocket a new Maradona to prominence, just as he reached world rating at the last series in Japan?

It is the chance of a lifetime to see world class under 20 players here in Australia, so make an early booking.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR UNDER 16 ?

By Keith Gilmour

In a remarkable move, FIFA is conducting an investigation into the possibility of a world tournament at 14 to 16 years level.

This results from another initiative by FIFA president Dr Joao Havelange, whose period of office is being studded with a series of forward moves.

This would be a marvellous follow up to the World Youth Championship, which has moved from Tunisia to Japan and now Australia as an event of increasing world importance.

Entries of under 20 youth national teams grew from 56 in 1977 to 89 in 1979, and 99 for the latest series for which the finals will be played here in October.

A total of 320,000 spectators saw the games in Japan, and FIFA and the Australian Federation hope to increase this figure.

The final at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday, October 18 has the strong possibility of drawing a packed house of over 50,000 spectators.

Coca-Cola, sponsors of the series, have committed $1.5 million for the games.

FIFA itself received $385,000 for organisational and referees expenses, $900,000 for travel expenses for 443 officials, referees and players, and $215,000 for local organisation.

The Australian Coca-Cola Bottlers have themselves dipped deep to provide the cost of developing the Australian team.

The ASF aims to raise $2,000,000 from gate receipts to cover costs.

The Coca-Cola company has the television, advertising and merchandising rights, but in the case of profits the surplus must be ploughed back into football development programs.

It's a packed goalmouth as Gladesville-Hornsby player Andrew McIntosh beats his marker to lob the ball high into the North Ryde net. Photo-Anthony Mobbs.

YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 19

GROUP 1

	U14	U15	U16
Gladesville-Hornsby v Illawarra	1-2	1-1	1-0
Bankstown v Blacktown City	1-5	0-4	0-2
St George v Leichhardt	0-2	2-0	0-1
Polonia v Croatia	0-1	0-3	4-5
Sydney Olympic v Baulkham Hills	1-2	1-0	2-1
Melita v Southern & Eastern	2-4	1-2	1-1
GROUP 2			
Nepean v Marconi	3-2	0-2	1-5
Riverwood v Central Coast	4-1	1-2	3-3
Sutherland v Avala	2-2	4-0	3-1
Canterbury v Blacktown Assn	0-3	3-1	1-0
Manly v Southern Dists	0-0	1-0	3-1
Ku-ring-gai bye			

POINT SCORE

GROUP 1

U14: Sydney Olympic 33, Illawarra 28, Leichhardt 28, Gladesville 24, St George 24, Melita 15, Blacktown City 15, Polonia 14, Bankstown 13, Southern & Eastern 10, Baulkham Hills 10, Croatia 8.

U15: St George 33, Leichhardt 30, Illawarra 26, Gladesville 23, Blacktown City 23, Croatia 22, Baulkham Hills 17, Polonia 13, Bankstown 12, Southern & Eastern 10, Sydney Olympic 9, Melita 4.

U16: Leichhardt 32, Blacktown City 32, St George 24, Gladesville 23, Southern & Eastern 21, Sydney Olympic 21, Melita 19, Bankstown 13, Croatia 13, Illawarra 11, Polonia 9, Baulkham Hills 2.

GROUP 2

U14: Ku-ring-gai 33, Marconi 26, Manly 26, Canterbury 22, Sutherland 21, Blacktown Assn 20, Central Coast 17, Southern Dists 17, Nepean 16, Avala 11, Riverwood 7.

U15: Sutherland 34, Marconi 29, Canterbury 29, Manly 24, Nepean 22, Avala 18, Riverwood 17, Central Coast 15, Ku-ring-gai 15, Blacktown Assn 9, Southern Dists 2.

U16: Canterbury 34, Sutherland 28, Marconi 26, Manly 24, Southern Dists 21, Blacktown Assn 19, Ku-ring-gai 18, Riverwood 17, Avala 13, Nepean 9, Central Coast 7.

ROUND 20 (Saturday, July 11):

GROUP 1

Gladesville-Hornsby v Blacktown City	Gabbie Stadium
Bankstown v St George	Soccer Centre
Illawarra v Croatia	St Johns
Polonia v Baulkham Hills	Ted Horwood
Sydney Olympic v Southern & Eastern	Pratten Park
Melita v Leichhardt	Everley Park

GROUP 2

Nepean v Central Coast	Fagans
Riverwood v Kur-ring-gai	Acron
Marconi v Avala	Knight Park
Sutherland v Blacktown Assoc	Francis Park
Canterbury v Southern District	Ernie Smith
Manly - bye	

NSW METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 9

	U10	U11	U12	U13
Ku-ring-gai v Manly	—	1-2	0-1	1-2
Nepean v Gladesville	0-0	0-3	2-0	1-2
Sutherland v St George	—	1-5	1-3	1-1
Bankstown v Illawarra	1-2	0-2	1-3	0-1
Granville Southern & Eastern	5-0	0-0	4-1	3-2
Central Coast v Canterbury	—	0-5	2-4	1-4
Blacktown — bye				

ROUND 10 (Sunday, July 12):

Bankstown v Kur-ring-gai	George Green
Granville v Gladesville	Murray Farm
Blacktown v Sutherland	Laybutt
Cantbury v St George	Punchbowl
Southern & Eastern v Manly	Wyatt
Central Coast v Illawarra	Balgownie
Nepean - bye	

SUNDAY JULY 12
NSW Amateur Cup
semi-finals
Miranda v Canterbury, Peakhurst Park 2.30 pm
Gwarley Bay v Forest, Arlington Oval 2.30 pm

Robertson Cup (U21) semi-finals
Terry Hills v Connells Point, Peakhurst Park 12.30 pm
Wahroonga v Castle Hill, Arlington Oval 12.30 pm

U18 State Cup Semi-Final
Revesby Rovers v Dundas United,
Arlington Oval 10.30 am

SLICKERS MOVE ON YOUTH

Young striker Peter Vale is yet another quality gain for Sydney City joining the Slickers from Manly in a direct swap for Terry Smith.

Sydney City use Jim Sneddon as the club scout, and in addition coaching director Leo Baumgartner has a deep knowledge of youngsters coming up through junior and school ranks.

A few of the young brigade being prepared for bigger things by the club include Glen Ahearn, a goalkeeper of potential who escaped the Queensland net, Brett Woods, Gerry Gomez and Grant Lee.

And there is also Jim Patikas (17), a national youth team and Slickers' first team regular already.

"ATTACK" SAYS TONY RATCLIFFE

Tony Ratcliffe, more than anyone else, has been responsible for the growth of Soccer in the Albury-Wodonga area from a handful of senior players in 1973 to a force of more than 1700 seniors and juniors in 1981.

Tony came to Australia in 1968 as store manager for Woolworths.

For 12 months he was secretary of the Earlwood Soccer Club in Sydney.

In 1969 he was appointed national sales manager for Sarah Coventry, a manufacturer of costume jewellery and came to Albury in that capacity in 1973.

At this time Tony was amazed at the lack of Soccer gear available in Australia, and started up a sales outlet importing uniforms from England.

The demand was so great that the English company could not keep up the supply, so Tony decided to manufacture in Albury, under the name of "Attack Sports".

There are now two manufacturing centres, one in Benalla, Victoria, and a dynamic sales force throughout Australia. Employees now number 120.

When Tony moved to Albury-Wodonga Soccer Association was formed in that year, with Tony as vice-president for two years, and president for five years.

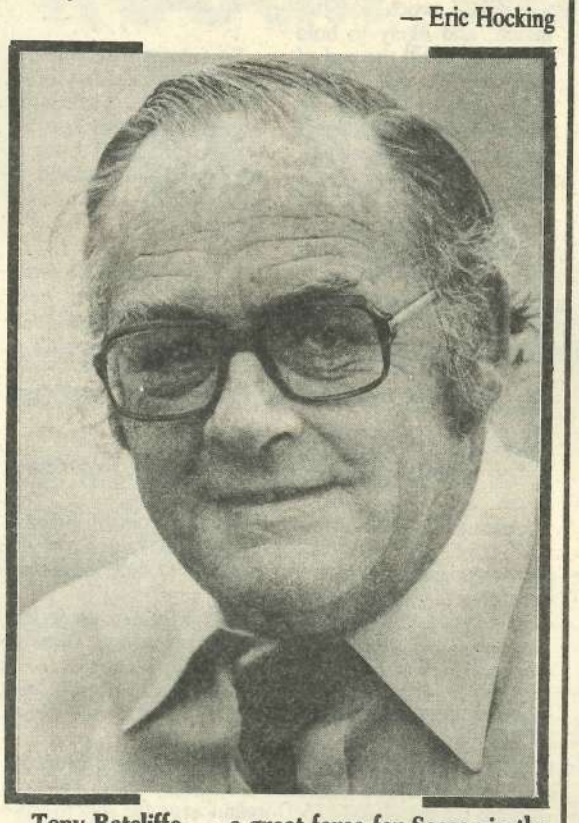
With Bill Luders, another newcomer to Albury, Tony established the Albury Hotspurs Club, and this year, 1981, the club took a very big step into the Southern NSW State League.

This move has proved a successful one, as Hotspurs is at present sixth on the ladder, the highest of all the country teams in the League.

Tony has two sons who play and referee in the Albury-Wodonga Association.

For the last two years he has been an alderman in the Albury Council.

— Eric Hocking



Tony Ratcliffe — a great force for Soccer in the NSW-Victoria Border District, and former president of the Albury-Wodonga Soccer Football Association.

SOUTH COAST ARE NSW CHS CHAMPS

South Coast won the NSW Inter-Regional Championship at Balgownie Oval to take the title for the second year running.

They defeated Central Metropolitan 1-0 in an excellent final which was filmed for showing on the 0/28 network.

In the semi-finals, South Coast 2 defeated Liverpool 0 and Central Metropolitan 3 ousted Metropolitan West 2.

All semi-finalists went through the round-robin series undefeated.

The round-robin standings were:

Pool A: Central Metropolitan 13, Liverpool 13, St George 12, North Sydney 9, North Coast 7, South Coast B 6.

Pool B: South Coast 14, Metropolitan West 14, North West 9, Western 9, Hunter 8, Riverina 6.

In the final the South Coast side was able to exert more pressure than the Central Metropolitans.

The goal of the match fell to Kevin O'Donnell, who headed home a long cross from Peter Kataminidis into the top left-hand corner of the net.

The game itself was a great credit to the work put in by the respective coaches, John Frew (South Coast) and Greg Palmer (Central Metropolitan).

For the winners Anthony Wellbourne was tireless and skilful in midfield.

Ray Vlietstra was extremely strong at stopper and Zivko Hristovski tidied up at sweeper.

Mick Reyes and Tom Kortekass ran well up-front and penetrated from wide positions.

Ian Drain was strong in midfield and replacement Bobby Toth was always dangerous in attack.

In defence Andrew Williams was sound in goal and Tony Skender and Phil Muhlbauer were strong attacking full-backs.

Central Metropolitan also had plenty of class. Danny Zannolla and David Bobmac were strong in midfield.

Lenny Vial worked well at the front, with Turgay Kucukmandira running well off the ball to create space.

Luke Morley and Grant Wilkinson were excellent full-backs, and John Hardwick and Steve Cranston handled central defence.

Others to do particularly well were forward Carlo Logiudice, Brian Dene in midfield and goalkeeper Marcel Radojevic.

The final placings were: 1. South Coast, 2. Central Metrpolitan, 3. Liverpool, 4. Metropolitan West, 5. St George, 6. North West, 7. North Sydney, 8. Western, 9. North Coast, 10. Hunter, 11. South Coast B, 12. Riverina.

Under 12 Div 6 boys from St Marys Soccer Club (Nepean Assn) have been having a good season. They completed the first half of the competition with only two defeats.

STATE UNDER 16s:

LET'S GET CRACKING!

It is high time for everyone to stop wallowing in pity over inability to finance an Australian under 16 championship this year.

No State except Victoria was able to find the $5,000 per team involved.

A suggestion has come forward for a substitute tournament which would, for financial reasons alone, be limited to the East Coast.

Queensland, Northern NSW, NSW, ACT and Victoria could compete, or whichever of them wants to.

Cut out expensive air fares and travel by train or coach.

The games would be in the school holidays, and so the players could find that little extra travelling time needed.

After all, for many years junior inter-state trips were made by train to conserve hard to come by dollars.

Let the ASF ask around to see if any centre could arrange billets for the boys, so knocking out expensive accommodation costs.

It would be hard for South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania to accept that they cannot be in the series, but they would surely recognise that it is better to have half a loaf than no loaf at all.

There is a big future advantage for Australian Soccer.

Participating players would have to be born after August 1, 1965, which means that this would be the first shots fired in preparing for the 1985 World Youth titles.

We would be glad to hear of YOUR reaction to this proposal. And, more than that, what does the Australian Soccer Federation and the State Federations have to say about it?

Why cannot Soccer, backed by the huge junior movement, find a way to do something constructive and help set our own boys along the road to a quality under 16 championship.

Especially as the best of them would be starting out to carve out their own careers in big-time Soccer.

KO FOR ST MARYS IN 2SM CUP

It may have been somewhat infra dig, but the St Marys Cathedral under 15 Soccer side went out of the 2SM Cup with a 1-3 first round loss to Newtown High.

Newtown recorded a second round success by three penalties to two against St Andrews Cathedral, who themselves had downed Cranbrook College 1-0 in the first round.

Only James Ruse out of a strong group of high schools in the Carlingford district remains in the Cup.

They defeated Marist Bros Dundas and then Muirfield.

Carlingford was eliminated by Normanhurst and Cumberland did not enter.

Muirfield has some excellent players, but the school does not compete in zone sport, so not surprisingly James Ruse had the better of them as a strong combination had been built up.

Three Catholic high schools produced fine results.

Holy Cross Ryde defeated Marsden High 4-2, North Sydney Marist Bros beat Hunters Hill 3-1, and Marcellin College won out 2-1 against Moriah Memorial College.

ROUND 1:

Davidson High 2, Manly Boys High 1; Cromer High def. Christian Bros Manly; Asquith 3, St Ives 0; Forest 4, Kuringai 1; Normanhurst 4, Carlingford 4; Pennant Hills 3, The Kings School 0; Epping Boys 1, Macquaire Boys 0; Holy Cross 4, Marsden 2; James Ruse Agricultural 4, Marist Bros Dundas 3, Muirfield 5, Parramatta 0; Model Farms 2, Castle Hill 0; Strathfield South def. Marist Bros Eastwood (forfeit); North Sydney Boys 3, St Aloysius 0; North Sydney Marist 3, North Sydney Boys 0; Newtown 3, St Marys Cathedral 1; Andrews Cathedral 1, Cranbrook College 0; Marcellin College 2, Moriah Memorial College 1; Canterbury 3, Sydney Technical 1 (on penalties); Homebush 4, Christian Brothers Lewisham 1; Belmore 2, St Thomas Lewisham 0; Granville 4, Merrylands 0; Cabramatta 3, Patrician Bros Fairfield 2 (on penalties); Benedict College Auburn 5, Chester Hill 0; Punchbowl 3, Bankstown 2; Granville South 4, Pendle Hill 1; James Cook 7, Marist Bros Kogarah 1; Port Hacking 5, Endeavour 0; De La Salle Kingsgrove; Blacktown def. Windsor (forfeit); Mitchell 3, Evans 0; Springwood 3, Colyton 2; Lurnea 4, Ingleburn 1.

ROUND 2:

James Ruse 2, Muirfield 0; Newtown 3, St Andrews 2 (on penalties); Granville 4, Cabramatta 1; Mitchell 4, Blacktown 0.

JIM HERMISTON'S COACHING HINTS

Jim Hermiston, one of Australia's outstanding Soccer players, has supplied AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY with a series of illustrated coaching hints.

Hermiston plays with Brisbane Lions in the Philips League but before migrating to Australia, he was a distinguished player in his native Scotland.

He was included in Scotland's original squad for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany and was unlucky not to be in the final 22 which travelled to Germany.

If you want to buy Jim Hermiston's Soccerskills in book form, it is available from:—

Queensland Newspapers, Campbell Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, Queensland, 4006.

Send $3 for the book. This will also cover postal charges.

SOCCERSKILL

with JIM HERMISTON

HURRY THE OPPONENT. Contact doesn't have to be made with an opponent to achieve an effective tackle.

There are times when, if you move in quickly to a player in possession, you will force him into making a bad pass which gives your team possession.

Remember the importance of ball possession — when you're in possession you're an attacker and when you lose possession you're a defender.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

DRAW WORTH WIN FOR AVALA

MELITA — AVALA 1-1
Farrugia Ruiz

By Brad Earl

Avala, playing for the first time since the departure of Doug Utjesenovic as coach last week, sprung a surprise when they held Melita to a 1-1 draw, and certainly deserved their point.

Melita never really found any magic, and were thin up-front, particularly after Terry Jones went off in the 53rd minute with a groin injury.

Don Allan could have scored in the 13th minute, but his dipping shot was well tipped over the bar by Avala's goalkeeper and captain, Peter Ahrens. Jones had two shots saved by Ahrens in quick succession in the 24th minute, but it was a mistake by the keeper that gave Melita their goal in the 38th minute.

Greg McCoy, playing at left-back, headed the ball hard into the area and Ahrens came out and punched the ball, but mishit it and it fell backwards, where three Eagles were waiting to pounce, and it was Farrugia who got to it first.

In the 31st minute, Farrugia led the protests to referee Peter Rampley when he turned down what looked like a legitimate penalty when an Avala defender handled the ball, with the referee behind the play. Melita also appealed for a penalty for hand-ball later in the match.

Melita looked set to go in with a 1-0 half-time lead when, in injury time, Branko Karanfilovski passed the ball from the left to Eduardo Ruiz, who hit a superb shot into the the net.

Then in the second half Avala got better and better, with forward Mark Samuels and Warren Turnbull in midfield having shots, but couldn't break Terry Greedy's net.

Samuels had a very good chance in the 63rd minute, after running from inside his own half and turning a recovering defender before shooting.

Samuels and Neil Pearson, who came on in the midfield three minutes after half-time, were very impressive in a good overall team effort from Avala, while for Melita, no-one really shone, although Jones, Mike Berry, and Greedy did well.

• Avala's Mark Samuels

Avala's coach for this match, and likely to hold the position till the end of the season, was Slvko Rosic, who has been involved with football management at Avala for many years.

Afterwards he said: "I thought we deserved to win, but I'm very happy with the result. We are in big trouble at the moment, so a point for us is very good, and against Melita it's almost worth two, or even more."

So a point won for Avala, but for Melita's boss, Vic Dalgleish, it was more a point lost. "We need to start scoring goals. Look at the chances we missed in the first half — five or six," he said.

"They could have won, as they had four easy chances in the second half, while we just dried up."

CROATIA — NORTH SYDNEY 6-0

M.Silva 3, Hensman 2, M.Kovacic

Croatia picked up their momentum this week, and dissolved last week's draw with Manly by posting a 6-0 victory over North Sydney.

North Sydney held on gamely in the first half, and were well served by the central defence partnership of Greg Matheson and Robbie Rettore, who filled Jim Bottalico's position.

Bottalico couldn't play for Croatia against his old team on Sunday because he was under suspension, but Croatia had their other North Sydney recruit, Tom Steven, in the line-up, and he had a good debut.

As well as those two, Norths were without Alex Bottalico and Bobby McGinn, and had to field several second graders, including three 17-year-olds.

All Croatia's goals came in the second half, with the first two, scored by Peter Hensman and Marcos Silva respectively, scored in very quick concession. This effectively killed off North Sydney.

Silva scored two more for a hat-trick, Hensman got another and playmaker Marijan Kovacic scoring one. Hensman and Nelio Borges had very good days for the Croatia side.

BANKSTOWN — AUBURN 3-4

Rootsey, Nocera, Bates og
Bertram, Pondekas, Quigley, McDonald

After a poor first half, with Bankstown going in 1-0 up at half-time, the two relegation battlers turned on the fireworks and goals in the second half as both sides went searching for the two points.

Auburn scored three quick goals in the second period, through Terry Bertram (with a fantastic low, 25-metre goal), Chris Pondekas and substitute Chris Quigley.

Bankstown, whose goals came from Chris Rootsey, John Nocera and a Wayne Bates own goal, pulled the score back to 3-3.

Then Auburn veteran John McDonald missed a penalty, and it looked like the miss would cost the Gold-and-Greens the match until McDonald was on the spot to score soon after.

Auburn fielded three 16-year-olds in their back-four (Wayne Bates in central defence, Pat Sullivan at left-back, and Darren McInerney on the right), as well as 16-year-old striker Rod Brown.

The man of the match for Auburn was Terry Bertram in right midfield, while Craig Peck did well on the right side of the Town's midfield.

PARRAMATTA — SUTHERLAND 4-0

Beggs 2, P.Bush, Roughley og

John Watkiss, Sutherland's coach, signed Peter Beggs to add more fire to the Sharks' attack, and it certainly paid dividends against Parramatta.

Beggs and the two Bushes, Paul and Tony, pressured all afternoon.

Paul Bush scored the first, then Beggs got two goals, followed by an own goal by Craig Roughley. Parramatta were never able to put it together, although defender Kevin Lackey tried hard for them.

"We were playing confidently, but we started to let them back in after the first goal. In the second half, however, we got right on top. The whole forward line did well, Vic Dal Forno had a good game, and Mitch Hesford is playing much better," Watkiss said. "I haven't been terribly happy with Mitch's form, but he's starting to settle down and put it together now.

"We didn't allow Parramatta to play, and I'm quite pleased about that. This was the tonic we really needed after our last three games, and it's an indication of the team spirit."

TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	16	3	0	54	13	35
St George	16	2	0	67	8	34
Melita	13	3	3	44	14	29
Sutherland	9	3	6	26	17	21
Polonia	8	3	6	20	22	19
Monaro	7	4	7	28	34	18
Riverwood	7	2	8	21	30	16
Canterbury	5	6	8	28	38	16
Manly	5	3	10	20	28	13
North Sydney	4	5	10	22	39	13
Auburn	5	11	1	15	31	11
Avala	4	3	11	20	42	11
Parramatta	4	2	13	16	44	10
Bankstown	3	2	13	21	42	8

TOP SCORERS

25. Marton(SG)
17. M.Silva(Cr)
15. Farrugia(ME)
12. Hensman(Cr)
11. Allan(ME), Heywood(IM), Barton(SG)
10. R.Brown(CM)
8. Williams(CM), Morsello(NS), M.Kovacic(Cr)
6. Davies(SG)
5. Griffiths, Campbell, Walker(SG), Bulloch(R), Noble(IM), Roden(Par), Rootsey(B), Fox(Man)
4. Budini(Pol), Steven, Parker(Cr), Wilson(NS), Gilligan(B), Jack(Man), Martinez(ME)

NEXT GAMES

Wednesday, July 8:
St George - Auburn — St George Stad.
(6.15 pm — prior to Leichhardt-Marconi Philips Cup)

Saturday, July 11:
Polonia - Bankstown — Chopin Park
Canterbury - Monaro — Arlington Oval

Sunday, July 12:
Auburn - Croatia — Mona Park
North Sydney - Riverwood — Nth Sydney Oval
Manly - Melita — Cromer Park
Avala - Sutherland — Knight Park
St George - Parramatta — St George Stad.

ST GEORGE — CANTERBURY 3-0

Marton 2, Stone

Dez Marton scored two goals for the Saints to continue on his goalscoring feast in the State League, but against a physical Canterbury side, received continuous "attention", so much so he was pulled off in the second half.

It was captain Peter Stone who scored the first goal, and Marton scored his goals either side of the break.

Mark Barton was injured in the first half, and was replaced by Australian Youth team player, David Skeen. Barry Walker replaced Marton in the second half.

Canterbury had their defender Glen Laws sent off near the end for a crude foul on Steve McDonald. There were also several yellow cards dished out, as an indication of the tough play.

All in all, it was a very good team effort from St George.

FOX AND SMITH HIT IF OFF

RIVERWOOD — MANLY 0-1
Smith

By John Economos

In one of the worst State League Soccer matches I have seen this year, Manly struggled to defeat Riverwood 1-0 at Garside Park.

The goal came in the 68th minute from a corner. The ball was floated across into the box, over the top of a group of bunched-up players, and fell at the feet of Manly's central striker, Terry Smith. He pushed the ball into the net from five metres out to score one of the easiest of goals.

The first half was scoreless, with very little action or imagination shown by either team.

However, in the 14th minute, Manly's talented young striker, Dudley Fox, broke away on the left and let fly with a scorching pile-driver from 30 metres that just flashed over the top of the crossbar.

For this match, Riverwood's tough centre-back, Peter Butcher, was assigned the task of looking after big Terry Smith, recently signed from Sydney City.

In the second half, Manly's Bruce Doyle was booked for allegedly bringing down Riverwood's Wally Savor just outside the box. But from the free-kick, Riverwood squandered the chance.

At the other end, Fox broke clear and looked certain to score, but his final shot was well smothered by keeper Brett Hansell, who saw the danger and flew off his line.

Just after Smith scored his goal, Riverwood suffered a further setback when their midfielder, Johnny Lee, had to leave the field with a groin injury. His replacement Andy Tracey, came on the pitch with his right thigh heavily strapped and it was obvious that he could not stretch out.

Then on one of the rare occasions that Riverwood got into Manly's territory, Billy Bulloch let fly a smashing drive that crashed into the post but bounced harmlessly back into play.

After the match in the Manly dressing room, coach Mick Jones was elated with the two points. About Dudley Fox, he said: "I have never had a better front runner to coach than Fox. He is a top prospect and his work rate is high. I also liked Terry Smith's experience up front. He likes to knock a good ball off to his fellow man."

Riverwood coach Atti Abonyi was angry: "We were terrible and never looked like scoring. We deserved what we got and that's that."

Very true Abonyi, but what about the paying customers that turn up in dwindling numbers each week, hoping to be entertained and yet are subjected to drab Soccer?

PETER BEGGS (Left) SHOOTS

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2	RIVERWOOD	0:1	S	0:4		3:0	0:1	3:2		3:2		0:2			2:3
3	MELITA	3:1	3:0	W	3:0	1:1	2:1		2:1		0:0		3:1	4:0	8:0
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5	AVALA	0:1	2:3	0:3		T	0:5				3:3	0:7	3:1	1:0	4:1
6	MANLY	1:1	0:2		0:2		A	1:1			4:1	0:4	0:1	2:0	0:1
7	NORTH SYDNEY	1:2		1:4		1:0		T	2:0	0:4	1:0	3:4	1:2	2:2	2:1
8	AUBURN		0:1		0:5		2:0		E	1:0	0:1	0:5	1:1	2:0	2:3
9	POLONIA	0:0		0:1		1:0		2:1	1:0	L	1:0	0:0	1:1		2:0
10	CANTERBURY		0:0		5:1		2:3	1:1	3:0	0:1	E	1:9		3:1	2:2
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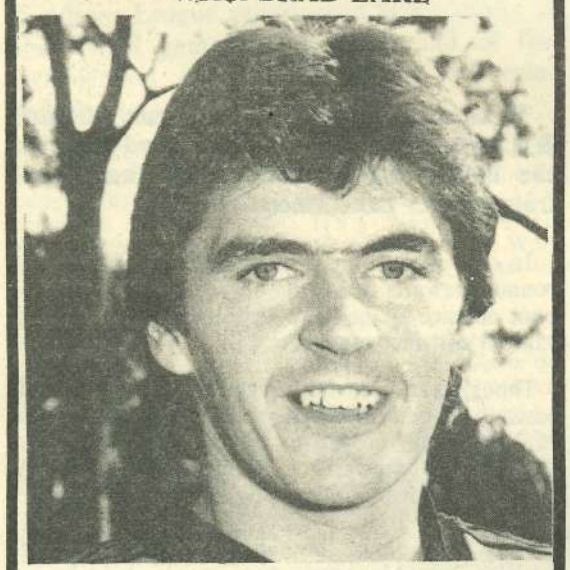
NSW STATE LEAGUE STARS IN PROFILE

WITH BRAD EARL



STEVE MONTGOMERY

PARRAMATTA

Position: Striker.
Birthplace: Leamington Spa, England.
Date of Birth: July 20th, 1953.
Nationality: English.
Occupation: Sales engineer.
Married: Yes.
Children: One, a nine-month-old boy, Ross.

Career Background: I came from a sporting family, as my father played First Division with Birmingham City and he was later their youth coach, and his two brothers played professional as well. When I left school I represented the County F.A. at youth level, and I played in district teams at youth level. At 17 I played part-time at Midlands Combination level, and when I was 20 I joined Banbury United in the Southern League. I had a couple of good years, and I had a chance to go full-time, as there were a few First Division scouts watching me. Then I broke both bones in my right leg, and I was out for a year, so I had no chance of going full-time.

I was at Banbury for five years before coming to Australia, in 1978, and I joined Western Suburbs Soccer Club in the Philips League. When they amalgamated with Apia, and Jim Adam was coaching them, I was offered a contract and played in the pre-season Ampol Cup in 1979, but there was a dispute over the contract and I have since been on the move around various State League clubs, starting with Auburn (1979), then Arncliffe (1980), to Croatia this year and now on loan to Parramatta till the end of the year.

Honours: Only County F.A. Youth team in England and captain of district youth teams.

Biggest thrill in the game: Definitely scoring goals.

Biggest disappointment: Breaking my leg and spoiling my chances of a full-time career.

Ambition: I hold an English F.A. coaching badge, so I want to put something back into the game. I get a lot of enjoyment out of coaching kids, but I've not had much time to do that in Australia.

I also want to finish up making a living through being involved in sport.

Your opinion of the State League: There are only a few clubs that stand head and shoulders above the rest and I think the only ones capable of playing at Philips League standard are Croatia and St George. The rest is a very even field and short of Philips League standard.

Best other State League team: Croatia, although I may be a little bit biased. There's hardly anything in it between them and St George.

Best State League players: On their day, it would certainly have to be Steve Leak of Auburn (I played with him at Auburn and Arncliffe and he's excellent to play with) and John Stoddart.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: Yes, I would like to be in coaching.

ROUGH DEBUT, BUT DOUG IS RAPT IN COACHING

By Brad Earl

Doug Utjesenovic only lasted two rocky months at Avala, but he enjoyed the coaching job and definitely wants to stay in that side of the game.

Dougie came to the end of his stint at Avala last week through a "mutual decision", after only being coach for May and June, and a total of eight matches for three points.

"I enjoyed coaching, and the players were very happy with my coaching.

"I did an honest job — what else could I do?" he said.

"When I took over, I told the committee not to do anything behind my back, and that I wanted free hands to work with the team, but I didn't have this.

"I also promised them that we would stay in the League, but I didn't get a chance to prove it. I didn't say we'd beat Croatia, or Riverwood, or whoever, but I did say we'd stay in the League. And I'm sure the team will.

"I realise we had six losses from eight games, but all could have gone the other way, with the exception of the St George game. We needed more concentration and discipline.

"The team was not 100 per cent fit, and discipline was shocking, but they're good workers now, which means I've done something.

"Some players were not up to standard. However to me, the committee was not up to standard either."

When Utjesenovic took over, he had to face the virtual revolt of a few players over the sacking of his coaching predecessor, Kaz Kulak. After getting over that, Doug signed up Robbie Youseph (on loan from North Sydney), Warren Turnbull (loan from Blacktown Demons), and Neil Pearson (loan from Blacktown with an option for next season), and the side has shown improvement in the last few games, despite losses.

"People in the committee panicked, when they should've been more disciplined.

"The committee has to be ashamed for what happened on Monday night. They have got the right not to be happy with results, but they have not got a right to do things behind my back.

"I have nothing to be ashamed of. I have a clear mind, as I did everything possible for the team," Doug said.

"From the first meeting, half a dozen committee men were against me, and were going behind my back. These are the people who have to be ashamed.

"There are 12 members of the committee and some are jealous of others — which makes it almost impossible to have harmony. So the club suffers.

"There was trouble with Carrizo, for example. The committee wanted him to just play, without training. I wouldn't have that, but that's how they think — that anyone can play Soccer!

"I'm not bitter, not upset. But I won't go back there. I've been told that if there is a new committee next year, I could have the job back! What do they think I am, some gypsy or something? Not me," Dougie said emphatically.

To the future, Doug Utjesenovic is enthusiastic about continuing with coaching, but "for now I'll be playing professionally for Liverpool City in the sixth division."

DOUG UTJESENOVIC

CROATIA COACH TURNS DOWN TOP EUROPE JOB

By Brad Earl

Croatia Sydney's coach, Domagoj Kapitanovic, has been offered — and has turned down — the coaching job with Yugoslav first division club, Zagreb.

He has decided to stay in Australia, because of the challenge for him to bring out the talent he sees in Australian players.

The Zagreb club ranks second to its well-known neighbour, Dinamo Zagreb, but is still a respected club in the first division, although they struggled this year. Their coach, Jerkovic, who has been involved with the national team and has been second in charge to national coach Miljanic, resigned recently, and the club went straight for Kapitanovic.

"Kapit", as he is known, took over Croatia Sydney in 1980. After a poor season last year, Croatia are running hot this year, and are major contenders for the NSW Coca-Cola League title.

He has blended the squad into a fast, skilful side, and one of their secrets of success is the distinctive European style he has adopted, with the added bonus of Brazilian striking magic.

Kapitanovic was a top-line player in Yugoslavia, and has had major coaching experience in Yugoslavia and throughout the world. He has been in charge of Dinamo Zagreb, and was leading the championship halfway through the season, but was replaced, and the team failed to go on and win the title.

Now in his 50s, he has also coached in Greece (winning the premiership with Olympiakos), Canada (winning a premiership in 1976 with a team that included Eusebio as captain), South Africa and Libya.

His contract with Croatia ends at the end of the year, and it is likely that he will stay in Australia even if Croatia don't retain him, as he enjoys the country and the challenge for him to bring out the best in the local players.

His decision to stay comes in the wake of Tommy Docherty's recent departure to Preston North End in the English Third Division after five months as coach of Sydney Olympians.

Kapitanovic, a wise coach who has impressed many with both his ability and gentlemanly nature, has obviously committed himself to Australian Soccer, which makes an interesting comparison with the Doc.

NSW DIVISIONS

1ST DIVISION	
F.Meadow v N.Banks	2-1
Warringah v Penrith	4-1
Bathurst v Ku-ring-gai	0-0
Revesby v Belmore	1-1
Wollongong v Uni NSW	3-0
Guildford v Glades.R.	1-1
Blacktown v Yugal	0-4
2ND DIVISION	
Liv.Alb. v Lane Cove	3-2
Bonnyrigg v C'belltown	2-1
N.Ryde v Riverstone	2-0
Glades.H. v Baulkham	0-3
Mt Druitt v Baulkham	2-0
Dee Why v Queens Pk	1-2
Glades.H. v M'ville	1-1
3RD DIVISION	
Bondi M. v H-Zagreb	0-1
W.Ryde v Fairfield K.	2-2
Syd.Uni v P.Hacking	1-0
Eastern Ck v Wenty W.	0-5
Wenty W. v Kingsford	0-1
Pt.Hacking v Artarmon	1-5
Padstow Pk v Syd.Uni	0-1
Paddington v Eastern Ck	2-2
4TH DIVISION	
Canley H. v Eastwood	2-3
Fairfield v Chelsea	2-1
Revesby R. v W.St.George	1-3
Ryde D. v Concordia	1-2
5TH DIVISION	
Camden v Haberfield	2-3
Hawkesbury v Aub.J.	3-1
Chullora v Moorebank	3-2
6TH DIVISION	
Robins v Trasandinos	5-1
Liv.Rangers v Colo Colo	1-1
Bl.Work. v Banks.S.	6-0

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NSW SHOTS

"NIFTY" POPULAR AT MELITA

NSW Premier, Neville Wran, proved a very popular figure with the crowd at Melita on Sunday when he officially opened the Melita Stadium.

His speech was particularly rousing, and his praise for the hard-working Melita supporters was well received.

"The really distinguished people here today are the Melita Eagles supporters who made this all possible. There is an old saying: 'God helps those who help themselves'."

After the speeches, Mr Wran held an F.A. Cup-style meet-the-players session, and then proceded to view the match, seeing both goals before leaving at half-time.

The kudos must go fairly and squarely to all those connected with Melita for the Stadium. The opening ceremonies went off without a hitch, even though the score didn't round off the celebrations.

Melita officials expressed their deep gratitude to the NSW Government and the Parramatta Council for the cooperation they received in the progress of their ground.

It seems Melita have really adopted the City of Parramatta as their own.

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Melita Eagles have informed Floriana F.C. of Malta that they are willing to lease them midfielder Ray Farrugia, during the Australian close-season, for Floriana's European competition commitments.

Melita supporters also feel that Farrugia should be considered for Malta's national side!

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Sutherland signed up Peter Beggs (on loan from St George for the rest of the year) just before the end of the transfer deadline last week. At the same time, Croatia secured North Sydney's Jim Bottalico (free transfer) and Tom Steven ($2,000).

Central defender Jim Bottalico (19) said: "There's nothing wrong with North Sydney, but the opportunity came up to go to Croatia. I'll do my best to get in there, and I'll be out there giving all I've got."

Jim said that he doesn't want to be a reserve player, and he would look at his position at the end of the year if he wasn't in the first team.

It seemed obvious that Tom Steven (26) would be on the move to a bigger club after consistently good performances in the Norths midfield this year. He came over early in the season from the Dunfermline club in the Scottish First Division, and was secured through contacts of Norths' assistant coach and secretary, Archie Blue. Steven is a good friend of Sydney Slickers' Willie Murray, and that obviously swayed his decision to move here.

Alex Bottalico was also likely to switch to Croatia, but he has decided to stay with North Sydney till the end of the year, as he has a recurring injury in his left thigh, and wouldn't be helping his own chances nor Croatia's by moving now.

"I've got a pulled muscle in my thigh, and it just won't go away. I've aggravated it twice now," Alex said.

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Melita's 16-year-old sweeper Paul Daley missed his first State League match of the season on Sunday with the 'flu. He must certainly be near the top, if not at the top of the ratings for the NSW Under 21 Player of the Year for 1981. Others who should be picking up votes are Paul Bush, Graham Donnelly and Brandt Cashman (Sutherland), Alex Kovacic (Croatia), Dudley Fox (Manly), Gino Caputo (Monaro), Rod Brown and Darren McInerney (Auburn).

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What's happened to last year's Under 21 Player of the Year and then-Auburn starlet, Mark Ross?

Ross joined Melita at the beginning of the year for a minimal transfer fee, linking up with Vic Dalgleish who was the boss at Auburn the last few years, but, after a couple of attempts at breaking into the Melita first team, he was dropped back to second grade, and has since been plagued with injuries.

Coach Dalgleish says: "I'm nearly in tears over Mark, as he has had such a bad trot with injuries. I think everyone in the club feels sorry for him."

Let's hope Mark fully recovers very soon and regains his form and confidence.

BRAD EARL

MT. GRAVATT'S LEAD NOW THREE POINTS

By Wally Bruce

Mt. Gravatt's lead in the Queensland State League has been cut to only three points, after a 2-1 loss to Townsville United in Townsville.

The match had been outstanding since April 25, round seven, when fixtures were interfered with by the airline hostesses' strike.

Mt. Gravatt lead by three points with only four rounds remaining, but one of those will produce a gift of two points, as it was to be against the expelled Gold Coast City.

One of the games left for the Hawks is their second round clash with Townsville, but this time it will be on Mt. Gravatt's home territory.

Townsville took the lead in the 23rd minute through David Deakin, after he had been set up by a great dummy by Paul Trovalusci.

Mt. Gravatt equalised only nine minutes later with Bevan Bohan supplying a magnificent header from just inside the box, following a perfect cross by Archie Fraser.

Mt. Gravatt bombed the chance of a winner in the 71st minute with a penalty for "hands," but John Ferguson's attempt was saved by Townsville's Phil Figgins.

The winning goal for the home side came eight minutes from the end and Bobby McGuiness had the simple task of slotting home after Trovalusci's 15 metre drive hit the post.

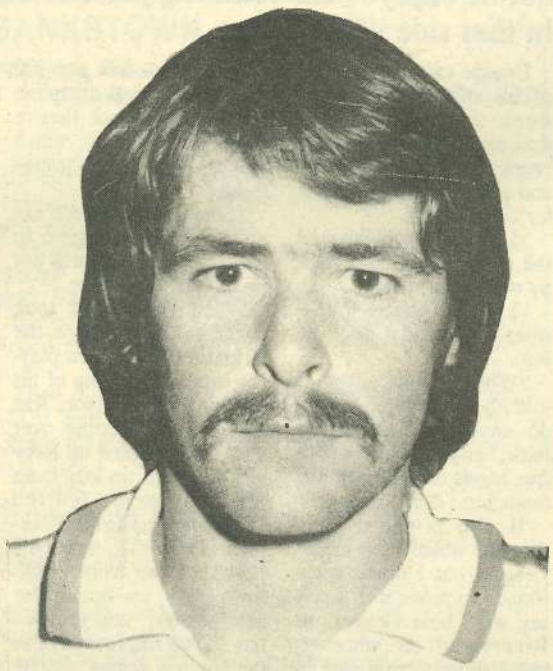
The only other State League match was Mareeba United's away clash in Rockhampton against Capricornia, which the northerners won comfortably 4-0, with goals from Frank Tosoni (2). Frank Farini and Ray Junna.

The two clubs had met the previous night in Rockhampton in their Ampol Cup quarter-final, and as both are near the bottom in the league, Capricornia won this match which really counted 3-0.

Brett Druery grabbed two of the goals and defender Paul Bevan the third; this young Rocky side is now set for its most important match yet in two weeks, its first Ampol Cup semi-final.

Across the Waves became the second team to reach the last four of the Cup by beating Wynnum 4-0 in Bundaberg.

Wynnum had held high hopes after going down only 2-1 the previous match in their League fixture, and on top of that, Waves had two players cup-tied this time, Mickey Tripp and Aldo Baretta.



Phil Thompson

Two goals each from Morris Zaina and John Wood carried the Bundy side through, and they now almost certainly will be the recipient of a home semi-final in the Cup.

Grange Thistle reached the Cup semi-finals for the third successive year with a tight 1-0 win over Eastern Suburbs at Perry Park.

The decisive goal came from Kennhy Gordon in the 30th minute after an Easts defence mistake following a Jim Cameron cross.

Easts lost the chance to at least force extra-time when Phil Thompson missed a penalty just after half-time.

In the Cup semi-finals, Thistle now meet Capricornia and Across the Waves play the winner of the Mt. Gravatt — Ipswich United quarter-final tomorrow night.

QUEENSLAND STATE LEAGUE: Townsville United 2 (Deakin, McGuiness) beat Mt. Gravatt 1 (B. Bohan). Mareeba United 4 (Tosoni 2, Farina, Junna) beat Capricornia 0.

AMPOL CUP Quarter Finals — Capricornia 3 (B. Druery 2, Bevan) beat Mareeba United 0; Across the Waves 4 (Zaina 2, Wood 2) beat Wynnum 0; Grange Thistle 1 (Gordon beat Eastern Suburbs 0.

STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mt Gravatt	14	10	2	2	22	40	11
Townsville United	14	9	1	4	19	26	14
Eastern Suburbs	14	8	2	4	18	28	18
Grange Thistle	14	8	1	5	17	29	19
Ipswich United	14	8	1	5	17	25	19
Across the Waves	14	7	0	7	14	23	22
Wynnum	14	5	2	7	12	22	23
Mareeba United	14	4	1	9	9	17	31
Capricornia	14	3	2	9	8	13	43

STEWARTS & LLOYDS THREATEN BEARS

By Ian Smith

Weston Bears' most-feared rivals, Stewarts & Lloyds, finally climbed to second place on the ladder last weekend when they leap-frogged over Lake Macquarie.

In one of three matches played during this split round, Stewarts & Lloyds' forwards capitalised on poor defence by the Lake Macquarie rearguard and ran out convincing winners 4-0.

Though play was fairly even on an end-to-end basis, the superior finishing power, particularly with Paul Queenan, proved to be the deciding factor. This win by Stewarts & Lloyds has allowed a glimmer of hope to other sides seeking to squeeze into the top four, particularly those from the country, who must now have some chance of toppling Lake Macquarie.

However, Tamworth's finishing will have to improve almost immediately if they are to maintain pressure on the top teams.

Their 1-0 win over Belmont Swansea was indicative of the trouble their strikers have had finding the net during the middle part of the season.

Weston Bears continued their joust at the title by thrashing wooden-spooners, Armidale, 5-1.

The big match this weekend is Twin Towns v Adamstown. If Twin Towns can win this match and they must be slightly favoured to do so because of their excellent home record, this will give them a two-point break over Adamstown with a match in hand.

Wallsend must also win against Coffs Harbour to keep their slim hopes of making the final four alive though their dismal efforts at goalscoring this year might see Coffs Harbour upset them with their brand of enthusiastic football that has seen the top clubs struggling to beat them by the odd goal.

NORTHERN NSW TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weston	12	10	1	1	36	11	21
Stewarts & Lloyds	12	8	2	2	31	11	18
Lake Macquarie	12	8	1	3	24	13	17
Tamworth	12	7	1	4	18	16	15
Adamstown	12	5	3	4	23	20	13
Twin Towns	11	5	3	3	18	16	13
Wallsend	10	3	2	5	10	13	8
Coffs Harbour	12	2	3	7	18	25	7
Belmont-Swansea	13	3	0	10	17	28	6
Armidale	12	0	0	12	5	47	0

Melita are producing a very classy match programme ("High Flying Eagles", shown here), and it must be the rival of most programmes the PSL has on offer.

SPOTLIGHT ON STATES

NSW SOUTHERN LEAGUE

By Steve Burns

Three out of four top four clubs in the NSW Southern League experienced cancellations of their final games in the first half of the premiership, owing to the highest June rainfalls in the ACT for over 20 years.

As a consequence the final midway placings in the table are inconclusive, even though it is obvious that Croatia Deakin, following its 13-0 thrashing of Cootamundra in Young, is confirmed as undisputed leader at this point.

While West Woden Juventus, Downer Olympic Belconnen United and Albury Hotspurs sat out the weekend, Macedonia Queanbeyan gained two valuable points in Griffith when it came from behind, two goals down, to defeat Yoogali 4-2, with a second half hat-trick from Kosta Talevski and a goal from Ilya Tomeski.

Kooringal Lions rung the surprises and climbed a rung when, at home, it downed Hanwood 3-0, while Goulburn Workers, not caring too much for bottom placing, recorded its second win of the season by defeating Wagga United 3-2 in Goulburn.

This win took Goulburn off bottom, leaving the place vacant for Cootamundra which was obviously hypnotised by the flair of Croatia Deakin's goalscorers, Bernie Lustica (6), George Bailey (4) and Keith White, Phil Reis and Nevo Zilic, who each scored once.

As the League moves into round two it's Wagga United's turn to face the awesome Croatia Deakin while Kooringal Lions travel to Griffith to meet Yoogali.

Cootamundra and Goulburn Workers have the chance to settle the bottom place issue. Apart from Wagga United, Cootamundra is the Workers only other victim this season.

No fewer than three games will be played on Saturday afternoon in this round, with Albury Hotspurs at home to its first round victors, Belconnen United; Macedonia Queanbeyan at home to Hanwood and, the match of the round, West Woden Juventus and Downer Olympic playing at Hawker Oval in the ACT.

According to ACTSF Publicity Chairman, Derek Peachey, this will be the needle match of the season.

Last time out Juventus and Olympic drew 2-2 after a tough, entertaining game packed with thrills from start to finish. At present only a one-goal-better difference keeps Juventus ahead of joint second, Downer Olympic.

With the game being brought forward to avoid clashing with the Canberra Arrows and Marconi PSL clash at Bruce Stadium on Sunday, a large crowd is expected for this battle of the giants. But then, a good turnout is also expected at Queanbeyan's Marco Polo Oval when Macedonia Queanbeyan and Hanwood run on to the field, and also at Corrys Road in Albury where Albury Hotspurs has every intention of reversing the first round result against Belconnen United.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE (as at 28.6.81)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia Deakin	11	10	1	0	54	5	21
W. Woden Juventus	10	7	2	1	36	11	16
Downer Olympic	10	7	2	1	33	9	16
Belconnen United	10	7	1	2	23	12	15
Macedonia Q'beyan	11	5	3	3	27	16	13
Albury Hotspurs	10	5	1	4	24	18	11
Kooringal Lions	11	5	0	6	26	19	10
Hanwood	11	3	3	5	22	27	9
Yoogali	11	2	3	6	21	27	7
Goulburn Workers	11	2	0	9	11	52	4
Wagga United	11	1	1	9	12	45	3
Cootamundra	11	0	3	8	12	60	3

ACTSF FEDERATION CUP

By Steve Burns

The Australian National University (ANU) and Downer Olympic will meet in the final of the ACT Soccer Federation's Federation Cup on July 26.

ANU earned its place after defeating Polonia White Eagles 2-1 and upsetting the predictions that the reverse would be the case.

It was a well-deserved win by the students who have always shown potential this season, but rarely proved it, until recent weeks.

Against Polonia they controlled the game for most of the 90 minutes and, with just a little luck, should have trebled the score after Polonia took the lead in the first half.

Nevertheless, drawing level with a goal from Andy Sutcliffe in the first half and going ahead when Paul Randall, intercepting a clearance midway through the second half, caught the Polonia defence flat-footed and rammed the ball into the right-hand side of the net.

Downer Olympic's passage into the final, however, was less auspicious, relying finally on penalty kicks when, even after extra-time, the result was still Downer Olympic 2 Weston Creek 2.

This game between two young, very evenly-matched sides was keenly contested, but goals to both sides were virtually giveaways.

Weston Creek's first resulted from a 30-metre shot not being held by Olympic's keeper, Laszlo Kocmar. Weston's Jim Roberts ran in to push the loose ball over the line while Olympic's defence were still trying to locate it.

The second resulted from a pass back to Kocmar going straight to the feet of Paul Crabb who slotted it past the advancing keeper.

Downer's goals came first from a penalty kick 10 minutes into the second half, taken by player/coach John Lea, and the second was an own goal off the knee of Weston's Andy McLeod as he tried to clear a corner.

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

By Greg Blake

Top side Green Gully and basement team, Altona City, both went a long way towards deciding the outcome of the Victorian State League title race in Round 13.

Green Gully, with Gus McLeod running hot once again, smashed Northcote's five match unbeaten run with a comprehensive 5-1 victory at John Cain Reserve.

McLeod was in devastating form scoring a hat-trick as Ajax recorded their best victory of the season over the hapless Northcote side.

His hat-trick takes McLeod to the top of the State League scorers table with a dozen goals.

Kevin Wall and debutante, Paul Lewis, were also on target as the Greens went on their merry way. Ex-Footscray player, Dragan Vasic, was the scorer of Northcote's lone goal.

Altona repeated their effort of round 2 by holding Essendon Croatia to 1-1, this time at their home ground, Kim Reserve.

This provides Green Gully with breathing space at the top of the League for the first time this season with a one point margin separating them from Croatia.

David Brogan hit the back of the net for Croatia for the first time since his transfer from Croydon some weeks ago but a penalty converted by Kevin Inness was enough to tie the scores.

In another round spiced with unpredictable results it was Frankston City who almost surely ended Croydon's championship hopes with an amazing form reversal that saw the Baysiders win 2-0.

The incredible Charlie Egan returned to Frankston score sheet with Billie Buchanan adding the second in the stunning result of the round.

The defeat leaves Croydon now four points adrift of leaders Ajax and two successive defeats will give them little confidence as the season heads towards its closure.

Sunshine, usually a dominant team at home, were held by lowly Juventus in a poor game that finished 0-0.

In what was virtually their last chance to make headway towards the top four the Shiners failed miserably.

Doveton continued their unprecedented, undefeated run in their inaugural State League season by drawing yet again, this time 2-2 at home to Hakoah.

It was their ninth draw in only 13 games.

They could, if coach Danny MacMinamee's predictions are correct, quite easily do a Nottingham Forest by winning the championship at their first attempt should either of the top two sides falter.

Steve Irvine and Gordon Bentley scored Doveton's goals with Graham French scoring his sixth for the season and Chris Kent nabbing his first to tie the scores for Hakoah.

On Saturday George Cross had a seemingly unassailable lead pegged back by a determined Ringwood and were forced to sweat it out before finally winning 3-2.

The victory, which puts Georgie within a single point of fourth place, was largely due to their bargain basement signing from Geelong, Bobby Toal.

Toal, since his transfer nine matches ago, has scored no less than eight goals including his match-winning hat-trick against Ringwood on Saturday.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Green Gully	13	9	1	3	28	8	19
Essendon	13	6	6	1	21	11	18
Doveton	13	4	9	0	18	12	17
Croydon	13	5	5	3	22	18	15
George Cross	13	6	2	4	21	15	14
Hakoah	13	4	6	3	17	21	14
Sunshine	13	5	3	5	21	17	13
Northcote	13	4	4	5	22	32	12
Frankston	13	4	2	7	17	20	9
Ringwood	13	3	3	7	19	26	9
Juventus	12	3	2	7	9	22	8
Altona	12	1	3	8	14	27	5

His second, which put Georgie 2-0 ahead, was a cracking 20-metre drive and afterwards his performance prompted coach, Jim Adam, to select him as an almost definite Philips League prospect for next season.

Georgie seemed to be coasting with the two goal lead but a goal-keeping error gave Brian Sinclair the chance to put Ringwood back into the game.

Toal scored his third but Sinclair replied once more and in a frenzied final few moments Ringwood were unlucky not to snare a point.

Scores: George Cross 3, Ringwood City 2; Essendon Croatia 1, Altona City 1; Northcote City 1, Green Gully Ajax 5; Frankston City 2, Croydon City 0; Sunshine City 0, Juventus 0; Doveton 2, Hakoah St Kilda 2.

Leading Scorers: 12 McLeod (GG); 11 Egan (Frank); 10 Loughnane (Croy); 8 Mitten (Ess), Toal(GC); 7 Inness (Alt), Sahinidis (North), Pate (Suns); 6 Sinclair (Ring), French (Hak).

Jim Adam

AZZURRI TAKE CHARGE, BEOGRAD SLIP UP

By Tom McKain

Azzurri charged again and their challengers, Beograd, floundered in a surprise round of the SA Rothmans League last week.

Azzurri did the right thing by their fans with a 2-0 win at Campbelltown, but Beograd were held 1-1 at Port Adelaide.

This gave Azzurri a four-point break at the top of the table.

Down at the bottom, there was a re-shuffle as Noarlunga scrambled out of the cellar into eighth position with a 2-0 away win over Elizabeth, while Cumberland, crushed 4-2 at home by Para Hills, slid to the bottom of the table.

Polonia, who had faltered in their chase after Azzurri, got back into the hunt — desperate as it may be — with a 3-1 win over Croatia.

Port jumped into fourth spot, with Croatia dropping from fourth to fifth.

Para moved up from sixth, while Elizabeth went from seventh to ninth and Campbelltown fell one spot to seventh place.

This weekend should again produce some interesting results.

Azzurri is at home to the unpredictable Port, while at the other end of the table, Cumberland has to visit Noarlunga.

Around the middle of the table, Para Hills are at home to Polonia, while Campbelltown visit Croatia.

Beograd must be taken to win at home to Elizabeth.

It now looks as if Azzurri is safely into the straight and running free with only six rounds to go.

They are four points ahead, and after this week are away to Elizabeth, home to Beograd, then Noarlunga, away to Croatia and, finally, home to Para Hills.

If Port don't cause an upset with a draw this week, Azzurri's hardest games appear to be against Beograd and Para.

But that four-point break should give them the confidence they need.

But while Azzurri are bigger favourites than ever for the title there is still interest as teams bid for the Coca Cola Top Four Cup.

SA TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Azzurri	12	9	1	2	34	9	19
Beograd	12	6	3	3	20	15	15
Polonia	12	6	2	4	20	19	14
Port	12	4	4	4	14	17	12
Croatia	12	5	2	5	12	19	12
Para Hills	11	3	4	4	20	19	10
Campbelltown	12	4	2	6	12	13	10
Noarlunga	11	2	5	4	11	12	9
Elizabeth	12	2	5	5	7	19	9
Cumberland	12	3	2	7	13	21	8

ROUND 14 PREVIEW

By Greg Blake

Profound statements about football being a funny game and such like would be best advised to be spoken at a whisper around Frankston this coming Sunday night.

I doubt there will be many locals tolerant enough to listen after this week's Victorian State League round 14 when Ringwood City come to the Bayside suburb and drop Frankston well and truly into relegation trouble by winning both points.

One victory compared to four defeats in seven home games is not good form and if Juventus win their game in hand this 1981 Frankston side will not be the most popular amongst local Soccer devotees, with relegation staring them square in the face.

Frankston's last victory was 11 weeks ago, and then only against bottom side Altona City, and they'll be struggling to win another unless their form improves dramatically in the next few weeks.

Back at the top of the league, the four-way tussle for the title is still on in earnest. The big match of the round once again features Green Gully whose home fixture with Doveton will almost certainly decide the outcome of the latter's title hopes. Green Gully have a slight break at the moment.

Doveton, thanks to eight drawn games, cannot afford to loose a single game if they are to stay in the race.

But they will, and I think it might be this Sunday when Ajax send them crashing to their first loss of the year.

At Olympic Park Essendon Croatia face a danger game when the visitors are the up-and-coming Sunshine City.

If any other match was likely to provide an upset this is the one, although Croatia are winding up well for the run in towards what could be their third championship in four years.

Croydon put themselves "behind the eight ball" by loosing to Croatia a fortnight ago, but they should bounce back into calculations, and improve their goal difference, with a comfortable home win over Altona City.

In other games Northcote City should be good enough to topple Juventus whilst Hakoah should win at least a point from their home fixture against George Cross.

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VICTORIA DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MARIBYRNONG	15	6	2	0	25	6	4	0	3	12	9	22
BOX HILL	15	6	0	1	21	7	3	2	3	10	14	20
WESTERN	15	6	1	0	21	9	2	2	4	12	14	19
ALBION ROVERS	15	5	0	2	15	8	3	3	2	13	12	19
KEW PARK	15	2	5	1	7	3	2	3	2	7	10	16
ALTONA GATE	15	3	2	2	8	5	3	2	3	8	13	16
RICHMOND	15	3	1	4	7	9	3	2	2	10	7	15
KEILOR	15	3	1	4	12	16	3	1	3	11	14	14
PRAHRAN	15	3	1	4	11	13	1	4	2	6	8	13
MORWELL	15	0	4	3	5	9	3	0	5	13	16	10
KNOX CITY	15	3	0	5	15	14	1	0	6	7	18	8
MORELAND	15	1	2	4	9	16	2	0	6	6	21	8

VICTORIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAWKNER	15	6	1	1	24	10	3	2	2	13	9	21
DONCASTER	15	4	3	1	15	7	2	2	3	11	10	17
FRANKSTON PINES	15	2	2	3	8	11	5	1	2	11	5	17
PRESTON	15	3	2	2	13	10	4	1	3	12	14	17
MELBOURNE	15	5	1	2	13	11	2	2	3	7	10	17
FOOTSCRAY	15	1	2	4	3	11	5	2	1	17	9	16
STH. MELBOURNE	15	6	0	2	14	6	1	1	5	8	15	15
SPRINGVALE	15	3	2	3	16	14	2	2	3	9	13	14
DANDENONG	15	2	2	3	8	12	3	1	4	10	14	13
ARDEER	15	2	3	3	7	11	2	2	3	7	11	13
HEIDELBERG U.	15	1	1	5	7	12	3	1	4	16	14	10
WAVERLEY	15	3	0	4	10	11	1	2	5	5	14	10

VICTORIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
RINGWOOD U.	15	5	2	0	14	4	5	2	1	11	7	24
BELL PARK	15	5	1	2	18	10	4	3	0	16	8	22
BROADMEADOWS	15	5	2	1	18	12	2	2	3	12	11	18
ST. ALBANS	15	4	1	2	13	11	4	1	3	14	16	18
HEIDELBERG	15	4	1	3	18	12	3	2	2	14	15	17
PT. MELBOURNE	15	4	1	3	14	11	2	2	3	6	9	15
PRAHRAN CITY	15	3	1	3	10	13	3	1	4	14	13	14
WERRIBEE	15	5	0	3	15	10	1	2	4	8	16	14
CORIO	15	2	3	2	13	12	2	1	5	11	18	12
YALLOURN	15	2	2	4	14	14	2	1	4	12	17	11
COBURG	15	1	3	3	9	12	1	1	6	7	17	8
ELTHAM	15	3	1	3	12	13	0	0	8	9	21	7

VICTORIA DIVISION FOUR

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MORNINGTON	15	6	2	0	24	7	4	2	1	14	10	24
SUNBURY U.	15	8	0	0	19	3	2	4	1	10	7	24
ROYAL PARK	15	7	1	0	20	4	4	1	2	13	13	24
NUNAWADING	15	5	2	0	25	4	4	1	3	20	13	21
BRIGHTON	15	4	2	1	12	7	2	3	3	11	10	17
NORTH DANDENONG	15	1	6	1	8	7	3	2	2	10	8	16
KEYSBORO	15	2	0	5	9	14	4	1	3	10	6	13
MOORABBIN	15	1	3	3	10	12	2	3	3	8	12	12
FERNTREE	15	2	1	4	7	13	1	3	4	6	17	10
SANDRINGHAM	15	1	2	5	10	17	2	1	4	9	16	9
MONASH	15	1	3	4	9	15	1	2	4	7	17	9
CHELSEA	15	0	1	6	6	21	0	0	8	6	30	1

WEST AUSTRALIA STATE LEAGUE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZZURRI	10	4	1	0	12	3	5	0	0	11	2	19
FORRESTFIELD	10	2	2	0	6	3	2	3	1	10	6	13
KINGSWAY	9	4	0	0	9	3	1	1	3	5	13	11
INGLEWOOD	10	2	0	3	6	5	3	0	2	13	9	10
SPEARWOOD	8	3	0	2	10	8	1	2	0	4	3	10
EAST FREMANTLE	10	2	1	1	10	6	2	1	3	5	8	10
GOSNELLS	10	1	3	2	7	8	1	0	3	5	10	7
WEST PERTH	9	1	1	3	6	10	1	0	3	5	8	5
WINDMILLS	9	1	1	3	8	13	1	0	3	7	10	5
STIRLING C.	9	0	0	4	2	11	1	2	2	5	7	4

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ATHENA	13	5	1	0	24	7	5	2	0	17	3	23
NORTH PERTH	13	4	1	1	21	9	5	1	1	28	9	20
MELVILLE	13	4	2	1	15	7	3	2	1	14	6	18
COCKBURN	13	4	0	2	17	11	3	2	2	15	11	16
EAST PERTH	13	4	1	2	12	9	2	1	3	9	9	14
BASSENDEAN	13	0	2	4	7	18	4	2	1	13	8	12
KELMSCOTT	13	4	1	2	16	10	0	2	4	7	15	11
OSBORNE PK	13	5	1	1	21	12	0	0	6	3	27	11
KWINANA	13	2	1	3	6	9	2	1	4	16	23	10
BALGA	13	1	2	4	7	17	3	0	3	10	13	10
CANNING	13	1	2	4	13	19	1	1	4	9	17	7
UNIVERSITY	13	1	0	5	5	21	1	0	6	8	23	4

WEST AUSTRALIA DIVISION THREE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
BALCATTA	13	5	2	0	18	9	2	4	0	15	8	20
SWAN ATH.	12	5	1	1	16	4	4	0	1	7	5	19
SORRENTO	13	3	3	0	9	3	3	1	3	9	10	16
BUNBURY C.	13	3	3	0	10	4	2	2	3	11	14	15
ROCKINGHAM	13	2	3	2	13	12	2	3	1	7	6	14
TUART HILL	13	2	3	2	11	12	2	2	2	11	10	13
WANNEROO	13	3	2	2	9	9	2	1	3	9	12	13
PERTH CITY	13	1	1	4	7	8	3	3	1	15	8	12
BEDFORD U.	13	3	1	3	13	18	1	3	2	7	8	12
BAYSWATER	13	3	1	1	9	6	0	3	4	4	14	10
QUEENS PK.	13	2	1	3	5	5	0	1	6	2	10	6
SUBIACO	13	0	2	4	7	14	1	0	6	7	22	4

SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. TORRENS	14	5	2	1	24	9	4	2	0	15	6	22
WEST ADELAIDE	14	3	4	1	15	8	4	1	1	12	5	19
ADELAIDE CITY	14	3	2	2	14	11	4	1	2	11	9	17
WHYALLA	14	3	2	2	14	14	4	1	2	16	12	17
BRIGHTON CITY	14	4	0	2	15	8	2	3	3	13	16	15
VICTORIA	14	2	2	3	10	9	4	1	2	9	8	15
WESTFIELDS	14	2	2	4	13	20	4	1	1	15	7	15
LION	14	3	1	3	12	14	2	2	3	10	1	13
MODBURY	14	1	0	5	5	11	4	2	2	16	9	12
SALISBURY	14	1	3	4	5	10	3	1	2	12	10	12
STURT	14	1	1	4	6	15	1	3	4	10	20	8
WINDSOR	14	0	1	5	4	21	0	2	6	11	24	3

QUEENSLAND DIVISION ONE

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MITCHELTON	15	6	1	1	17	8	4	2	1	8	6	23
TRIDENT	15	5	2	1	24	8	4	1	2	14	11	21
COALSTARS	15	4	3	1	16	7	5	0	2	13	9	21
ACACIA RIDGE	15	4	1	2	9	7	4	1	3	16	12	18
DARRA	15	5	0	2	21	12	2	3	3	13	13	17
ANNERLEY	15	3	3	2	13	12	3	1	3	9	6	16
TARINGA	15	3	1	4	13	19	3	3	1	10	9	16
PINE RIVERS	15	3	1	3	10	8	3	1	4	19	21	14
SALISBURY	15	2	3	2	13	10	2	1	5	6	18	12
OLYMPIC	15	2	1	5	6	10	1	2	4	8	14	9
SUNNYSIDE	15	1	3	3	9	17	0	2	6	8	18	7
SOUTHSIDE	15	2	0	5	5	14	0	2	6	8	19	6

QUEENSLAND DIVISION TWO

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
GOODNA	12	4	1	0	19	4	5	1	1	19	8	20
NORTH STAR	11	3	1	1	13	5	5	1	0	22	8	18
NEWMARKET	12	3	3	1	11	8	4	1	0	12	6	18
INALA CITY	12	1	1	3	4	12	4	2	1	13	12	13
SOUTHS UTD	11	3	1	1	17	6	2	0	4	9	13	11
REDLANDS	12	1	1	5	4	9	3	2	0	13	5	11
GAP	12	3	1	3	14	11	2	0	3	5	10	11
INDUSTRIAL	12	3	0	2	13	11	2	1	4	6	12	11
RIVERSIDE	12	0	2	4	4	11	2	3	1	8	6	9
UNIVERSITY	11	1	0	3	7	9	2	2	3	6	17	8
REDCLIFFE	11	2	2	3	13	20	0	0	4	5	13	6
NTH. BRISBANE	12	1	1	5	11	21	0	1	4	9	20	4

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VIC.DIV.1	KEILOR	PRAHRAN	1	X	*
	KNOX CITY	KEW PARK	2	2	
	MORELAND	RICHMOND	3	2	
VIC.DIV.2	ARDEER	FRANKSTON P.	4	2	
	FAWKNER	DONCASTER	5	1	
	FOOTSCRAY	S. MELBOURNE	6	X	*!
	PRESTON	HEIDELBERG U.	7	1	
	SPRINGVALE	MELBOURNE	8	2	
	WAVERLEY	DANDENONG	9	2	
VIC.DIV.3	BROADM'DOWS	PT. MELBOURNE	10	1	
	COBURG	ELTHAM	11	1	
	CORIO	WERRIBEE	12	X	*
	HEIDELBERG	BELL PARK	13	2	
	RINGWOOD U.	PRAHRAN CTY.	14	1	
	YALLOURN	ST. ALBANS	15	2	
VIC.DIV.4	BRIGHTON	KEYSBORO	16	1	
	MONASH	SUNBURY U.	17	2	
	MOORABBIN	ROYAL PARK	18	2	
	MORNINGTON	CHELSEA	19	1	
	N. DANDENONG	SANDRINGHAM	20	1	
	NUNAWADING	FERNTREE	21	1	
W.A. State League	GOSNELLS	SPEARWOOD	22	2	
	WEST PERTH	INGLEWOOD	23	2	
	WINDMILLS	AZZURRI	24	2	
W.A. Div.2	ATHENA	NORTH PERTH	25	1	
	BALGA	OSBORNE PK.	26	2	
	COCKBURN	KWINANA	27	1	
	EAST PERTH	UNIVERSITY	28	1	
	KELMSCOTT	BASSENDEAN	29	X	
	MELVILLE	CANNING	30	1	
W.A. Div. 3	BALCATTA	SWAN ATH.	31	X	*
	BEDFORD U.	TUART HILL	32	1	
	PERTH CITY	BAYSWATER	33	X	
	QUEENS PK.	BUNBURY C.	34	2	
	ROCKINGHAM	WANNEROO	35	X	*
	SORRENTO	SUBIACO	36	1	
S.A. State League	AZZURRI	PT. ADELAIDE	37	1	
	BEOGRAD	ELIZABETH	38	1	
	CROATIA	CAMPB'LTOWN	39	1	
	NOARLUNGA U.	CUMBERLAND	40	X	*
	PARA HILLS	POLONIA	41	2	
S.A. Div. 2	ADELAIDE C.	WINDSOR	42	1	
	BRIGHTON CTY.	STURT	43	1	
	LION	MODBURY	44	X	*
	SALISBURY	WHYALLA	45	2	
	W. ADELAIDE	VICTORIA	46	1	
	W. TORRENS	WESTFIELDS	47	1	
Qld. Div. 1	ACACIA RIDGE	SOUTHSIDE	48	1	
	COALSTARS	TARINGA	49	1	
	DARRA	TRIDENT	50	2	
	MITCHELTON	ANNERLEY	51	1	
	OLYMPIC	PINE RIVERS	52	1	
	SALISBURY	SUNNYSIDE	53	1	
Qld Div.2	GAP	NORTH STAR	54	2	
	NEWMARKET	GOODNA	55	X	*

Australian Soccer Weekly selections for Saturday's games.

(1 is a home win, 2 an away win and X a drawn game. Matches marked with asterisks are our tips for score-draws).

Pools Results

SCORE DRAWS
3 pts 8, 11, 15, 24, 25, 42, 45, 48

SCORELESS DRAWS
2 pts 33

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AUSTRALIAN CHIT-CHAT

Stylish young ex-Footscray sweeper Oscar Crino was added at the last minute to the Australian youth team for its New Caledonia tour. Crino, born in Brazil, is potentially a top player with the World Youth Championship drawing nearer. He currently plays for the Australian Institute of Sport.

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Question: Which PSL club has the distinction of having their very own "Clayton's" Press-box?

You know, the Press-box you use when you haven't got a Press-box.

As the weather slowly deteriorates into Antarctic conditions the Press "vantage point" at Conner Reserve remains as a seat on the touchline.

After first promising a Press-box of some type before the beginning of the season, then assuring everyone that the completion of such would be "completed at the latest" by their second home game, we still find ourselves on a wooden bench next to the touchline.

The ultimate insult came in their home programme for the Marconi game where it was announced that construction was underway — finally. Three weeks later still nothing.

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Wollongong City youth team player Jim Sengoski unluckily suffered an injury at the Gabbie Stadium on Sunday. He had a possible fracture of a bone at the base of his skull and concussion, and was held at Blacktown District Hospital for 24 hours for observation.

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Wally Bojczuk, SA State League's top scorer — with 12 goals — set himself a target of 20 when the season kicked off.

It looks as if he will make it with some to spare.

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English guest star Justin Fashanu was a guest of the Whyalla Croatia (SA) club recently — along with Derby County's Yakka Banovic.

Banovic played for Whyalla Croatia, Adelaide Croatia, Melbourne Croatia then joined Heidelberg before being sold to the English club for $120,000.

Banovic was home in South Australia on holiday.

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Attention Les Scheinflug. Calvin Daunt is gunning for his place back in the national Youth team before October and is starting to produce the form which warrants a recall. His recent football has been first rate and he admits to learning a lot while playing alongside Bob Latchford.

Daunt has been on the outer since touring Isreal late last year, and his new-found determination is an extra bonus for Lions coach Joe Gilroy.

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Remember Irish full-back Pat Rice, who used to play for the English Gunners, Arsenal? Rice was in Australia recently for a business trip and spent a few days on the Gold Coast.

And one day, when in Brisbane he went to watch a local first division match, the same day Brisbane City were hammering Marconi in their PSL match.

Wonder how many fans will make the trip to the World Cup finals in Spain following the announcement of costs — EXCLUDING air fares?

Staying at a five-star hotel will cost $5,779 for 30 days and there is no guarantee you will get the tickets for the matches you want to see.

"Swap shops" will be opened so fans can exchange tickets.

Anyone who wants to rough it can stay in a one star hostel for $1,599 for the 30-day trip.

There are also 16-day tours.

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Reporting from a meeting of national and State coaching directors held in Sydney recently, SA Director of Coaching Mike Wells said the meeting had been concerned about the proliferation of Soccer camps and clinics.

"The coaching directors were concerned that many of these are being run as money-spinners by relatively unqualified, and sometimes unsuitable personnel," said Wells.

It was agreed that organisers should seek permission of the ASF or State Federations, and if they are satisfied with the aims and objectives of camps and clinics, staffed by qualified personnel, the organisers would use and appropriate logo from the approving body to protect the Soccer public.

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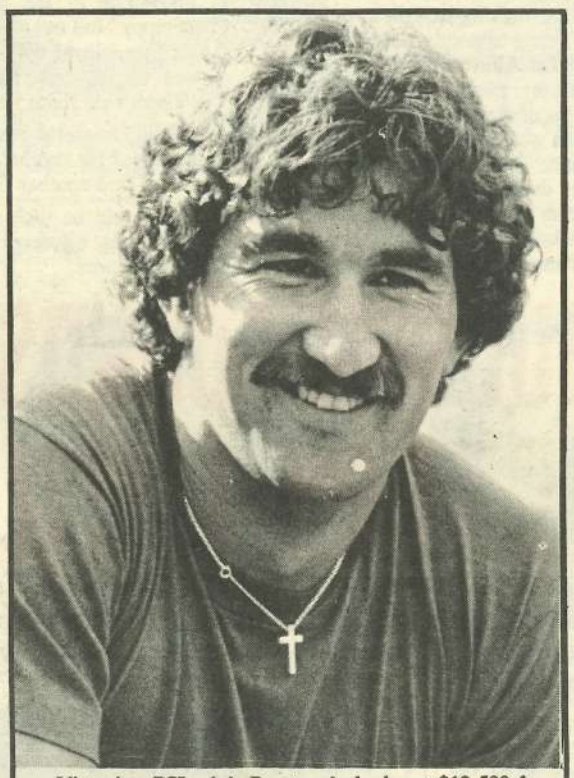
Justin Fashanu will try and extend his stay with Adelaide Giants until Sunday August 2 — the home game against Leichhardt.

He is due to return to England on July 31, with the Philips Cup quarter-final against Hawks on July 29 originally his farewell appearance.

However, he has now contacted Norwich City for an extension.



Victorian PSL club Preston lashed out $12,500 for Canberra's New Zealand international goalkeeper, Richard Wilson, to follow hot on the heels of their two midfield buys, Isaac Farrell (also from Canberra) and Peter Boyle.

Wilson's transfer, announced by Canberra Arrows on Friday, came right out of the blue. The move was at Wilson's request, and came quickly after he was told Steve Hoszowski would play for Canberra against Marconi.

In a statement issued by Canberra's coach George Murray and secretary Bob Preston, they said Wilson had "not been prepared to stay and fight to win back his place from Hoszowski. He considers his international place would be in jeopardy if he did not play regularly in the PSL."

The statement continued: "He (Wilson) feels the current situation has affected his performance and although the club had no previous intention of transferring him, it now feels that for the benefit of both player and club, it was best to accede to the player's verbal request for a transfer.

"The club wishes Richard every success with both his international career and with his new club, Preston Rams."

Wilson, only 25, is one of the PSL's most experienced goalkeepers and has been capped more than half a dozen times for the Kiwis.

It brings to over $42,000 the amount Canberra has received in transfer fees so far this year.

It also gives teenager Neil Coles, Canberra's Youth League goalkeeper, the chance to possibly debut in the Philips League before the end of the season.

They also serve . . .

Ray Mohring hasn't had much PSL experience since joining Wollongong this year.

A rangy central defender, he came to Wollongong from Tasmania, where he played under Ken Morton with the Rapide Wrest Point club.

Mohring's total PSL appearances have been 10 minutes in the second game of the season against Heidelberg.

He went on in the closing stages to replace the injured Tony Dickinson at left full-back.

Morton says he is still an important part of the squad as someone has to sit on the bench. He said the player's attitude to training has been good all season.

All that talent going to waste.

We're refering to Jimmy Wright, Adelaide Hawks' imported Scottish winger now languishing on the sidelines.

When he arrived 10 weeks ago he showed brilliant touches as he found form and fitness; then came a fractured toe, and by the time he came back there had been a change in coach and Peter Jaksa took over.

Jaksa says he recognises Wright's ability, but cannot get the best out of the player.

Eventually he was dropped from the team and then sports committee chairman Con Daskalos announced Wright was on the transfer list following a "personality clash" with the coach.

Wright was to have gone to Adelaide's Croatia in an exchange deal for Jamie Thomson, midfield destroyer or defender, but this failed to materialise.

If he doesn't find a club soon, Wright may return to Scotland.

Following the success of running one bus to Melbourne for the Heidelberg match, Adelaide Giants are organising two for future games in Victoria.

As was the case for the last trip, the cheer squad girls will make the trip.

Ambitious Giants fans are already preparing to travel to Brisbane and Sydney for the last two games of the season — to see their team clinch the title.

The SA side has to visit Gladiators, then the Slickers, in the last two weeks of the season.

Word is a group of supporters have already made enquiries about travel arrangements.

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Congratulations to West Adelaide for the clarity of the numbers on their blue-and-white vertical striped Jerseys. With a blue yoke at the back and blue numbers on a white ground they make player identification problems a thing of the past.

READERS' FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.

Write to The Editor, AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

I read Mr Menotti's comments on the England team which recently played Brazil.

He said that they couldn't score goals at international level, they were using old-fashioned centre-forwards, and an out-dated backline system.

I am very interested in coaching; could you please explain these comments in more detail. It would be a benefit to me and other interested readers.

Could you also suggest some good literature on coaching methods and tactics.

Name and address with held
Brisbane

EDITOR'S NOTE: Perhaps you should ask Cesar Menotti what he means!

Just a word of thanks for the smallgoods received about two weeks ago (re: Presto Quiz). I was pleasantly surprised upon coming home one late evening and finding a box of Presto sausages and bacon and they were still cold!

I will enjoy eating the goods while reading further issues of the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY

Edvins Klavins
Lower Templestowe, Vic.

As a writer I never expected to enter this column, but I read Graham Jennings letter with interest and would like to return an open letter to Graham with a question.

Is it true, as I heard from a source I consider reliable, that you waited at home one day expecting Newcastle's coach or a representative to call and discuss the possibility of you joining KB?

Incidentally, Graham is yet another of the many success stories emanating from the famous Adamstown Rosebuds club. Perhaps the names Baartz, Curran, Stone, Senkalski, etc., might jog a few memories.

Readers might be interested to know that despite poor attendances these days Adamstown has a few more that will undoubtedly appear on the national scene in the near future.

Best wishes for continued success Graham, Newcastle is proud of you.

Ian Smith
Newcastle

I saw Tommy Docherty playing for many years at Preston N.E. and he was always a wing half. In a big article in a Sydney paper he was called a "granite hard tackling full back." Get your facts right you Soccer writers.

I think it was the same day that another Sydney paper said Craig Johnston was the first Aussie to make it in England's first division. What about Joe Marston?

Get your facts right.

J. McPherson
Concord, 2137.

All of us make mistakes and try to rectify them, but in ASW Vol. 2 No. 57, Mike really blew it all under "Missing Shooting with Missing-Kid".

Doesn't Sir Arthur remind you of a Prime Minister who didn't want to resign? Or better still, if Sir Arthur got the job instead of Mr Fraser? Then life wouldn't meant to be at all.

Please, Mike, stop dreaming. It's people that count and in this case Soccer supporters. Over one million of us, including juniors.

Why not run a poll amongst us and see if Rale Rasic should be given a fair go, as our next national coach?

As far as Sir Arthur and others are concerned they have had "the Australian fair go" — for many years now.

"It's time" to "light up" and advance Socceroos NOW!

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"STEPPY'S" TWO-YEAR LESSON WASTED

This is one of the funniest, or saddest, stories we've come across in quite a while.

Two years ago, Dragoslav Stepanovic, a Yugoslavian international star, was signed by Manchester City for $280,000. After arriving in England, he made an impressive impact, walking straight into the first team and being appointed captain by manager Malcolm Allison.

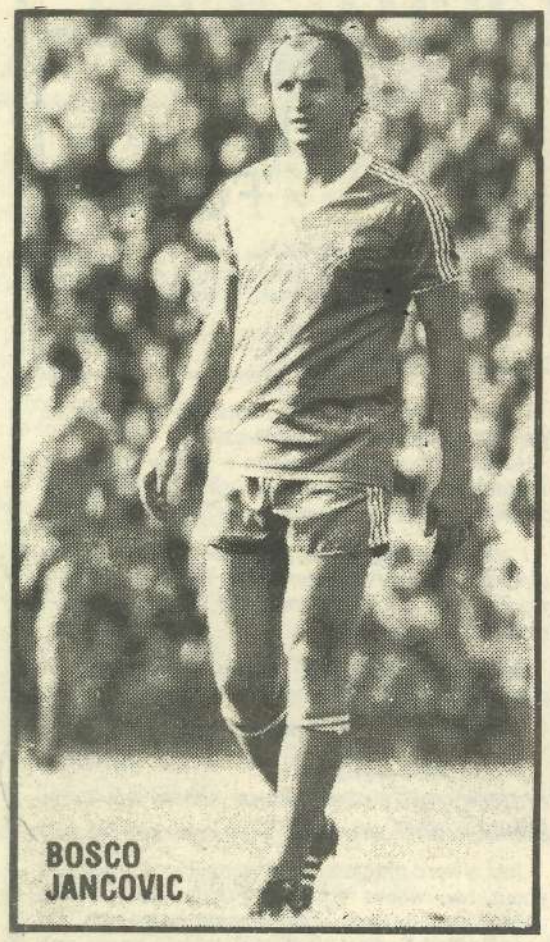
Playing sweeper, "Steppy" became a darling of the Maine Road fans, as befitted a man who had played 36 times for Yugoslavia.

He decided it was essential to learn the English language so he papered the walls of his lounge room with common words and phrases. Everyday, Dragoslav, wife Jelena, son Vladimir and daughter Ivana repeated those words and phrases over and over.

After two years, they had a passable knowledge of the language. Trouble is, "Steppy" fell out of favour with Manchester City, played only one game last season, and he has now learned a new phrase: "There's no room for you at City!"

Will Dragoslav Stepanovic return to Yugoslavia? He says he'd rather stay where he is and find another English club.

It would be such a waste of two years picking up a foreign lingo if he left England's shores.


BOSCO JANCOVIC

BOSCO COULD BOUNCE BACK AT BRIDGE

When Middlesbrough refused to renew Bosco Jankovic's contract at the end of last season, the Yugoslavian forward probably thought his days in UK football were over.

Now he can expect a recall . . . from John Neal, the manager who signed him for Middlesbrough.

Neal, like Jankovic, was fired at the end of the season but he's now team boss at Chelsea. And Neal reckons Jankovic is just the man, although he's 30, to bang in much-needed goals for Chelsea.

Chelsea scored three goals in their last 23 games. Jankovics was Middlesbrough's top goalscorer.

If the player is lured back to England from his Sarajevo home, he'll have Yugoslavian company at Stamford Bridge in the shape of goalkeeper Petar Borota.

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A COSTLY BLUNDER

Cup-winners Spurs could be $200,000 out of pocket because of a clerical slip-up.

They made an offer to their goalkeeper Barry Daines and defender Don McAllister, sending it first-class post. Football League rules state that offers must be sent by registered letter.

Now the League has given the pair free transfers. "We have won our freedom and I'm pleased," said McAllister.

HUDSON SOUNDS OFF FROM SEATTLE

Alan Hudson, ex-Chelsea, ex-Arsenal, ex-Stoke City, was always regarded as one of the wild boys of football. (He even suffered the indignity of being sent home to England when he toured Australia with Arsenal.)

Hudson seems to be well settled these days, living and playing in the U.S.A. His club is Seattle Sounders.

From Seattle, Hudson takes a detached look at what's gone wrong in British Soccer:—

"Here in the States, you get a new crop of 'refugees' from the English game every year. They all have the same story to tell . . . managers and directors have destroyed the English first division which used to be the loveliest league in the world.

"The old feeling has gone. Managers and coaches are watching their backs so hard, they scarcely have time to talk to their players.

"I learned a few lessons at Stoke where Tony Waddington was the manager. He did miracles for Stoke City, winning the League Cup for them. But at the first sign of trouble, Waddington was given the chop.

"Players look at things like that. They are preached loyalty and then they see things which make a mockery of loyalty.

"There's no need to change the laws of the game to save English football. The big problem is the people running the game.

"And you can't expect much from them."

ALAN HUDSON

HUGHES FOR ROTHERHAM

Emlyn Hughes the former England and Liverpool captain, has finally gone into club management.

Hughes signed a three-years agreement as boss of newly-promoted Rotherham United. A Wolves player, Hughes will not retire to concentrate full-time on guiding Rotherham's destiny. He will be player-manager.

Ian Porterfield, the ex-Sunderland Cup Final hero, left Rotherham after inspiring their promotion-winning effort and is now manager of Sheffield United.

Sheffield United are now in the fourth division, while Rotherham are in the second division. However, there is much more potential with Sheffield United, a club with a proud first division background.

Emlyn Hughes was sought after by several clubs but he believes Rotherham will offer him an inspiring challenge in his first position as a manager.

U.K. SOCCER SCENE

BARNWELL FOR WEST BROM?

The attractive position of manager at West Bromwich Albion has not been filled yet and it is clear the Midlands club will not rush into a snap decision as to who will succeed Ron Atkinson.

It seemed as if former Brighton boss Alan Mullery had the job in his grasp but another name has entered the arena. John Barnwell, manager of Wolves, is the latest "inspired" tip.

Barnwell has not had a smooth run with Wolves and has been involved in more than one battle with his directors.

If the West Brom job doesn't go to Barnwell, who is next for consideration? Gordon Lee, Ron Wylie and Ronnie Allen are interested, as is Colin Addison of Derby County, who was formerly assistant to Atkinson at WBA.

Mullery was appointed manager of Charlton Athletic last week. And the ex-Charlton manager, Mike Bailey, replaced Mullery at Brighton in a game of Soccer "musical chairs."

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FOREST STAR TAKES PUB

John O'Hare, given a free transfer by Nottingham Forest, has retired from football and has taken over a pub on the outskirts of Derby.

He's not sorry to quit. O'Hare said: "Frankly, I'd had enough. Everything these days seems geared to winning and it's surprising the lengths some folk go in order to win."

O'Hare's 20-year career won him Scotland caps, League title medals and European Cup medals. He played for Sunderland, Derby Country, Leeds United and Forest.

PETER WITHE IT — BUT LATE

Where does 29 year-old Peter Withe fit in England's World Cup planning?

Many critics claim the Aston Villa centre-forward is too old and that his first international appearance a few weeks ago was a panic measure by England manager Ron Greenwood.

Withe's story is certainly an odd one. He has been floating around the Soccer scene for 11 years and has played for 10 clubs. His first club was Southport who declared him redundant after three games. He then had a short spell with Barrow. (Both Southport and Barrow are now out of the Football League).

Then the latest England "discovery" shipped off to South Africa to play for a team called Arcadia Shepherds but left that flock to join Wolves.

He has also played for Newcastle United, Nottingham Forest, Birmingham City and, his latest stop, Aston Villa.

Withe says: "I honestly believe the next two or three seasons will be the best of my career."

QPR TURF OUT WINTER FROST

The new artificial grass pitch at Queens Park Rangers has been laid at a cost of $700,000 — so there's no going back as England enters a new era which could revolutionise Soccer there.

Last week, every League club in the country was invited to inspect the Omniturf pitch.

Sand, 120 tons of it, has been shovelled on to the green plastic carpet strips and first impressions are that there is just comfortable give in the surface. It is, of course, immune to frost — which makes it an attractive proposition in an English winter.

There is no soil. The pitch rests on an asphalt base. It can never subside.

One of the experts from Omniturf commented: "You could land a Concorde on it."

But the fun will start when visiting teams suffer a few defeats at QPR. Be sure the pitch will get the blame.

GET THEM YOUNG!

Left-winger Douglas McGuire has been called the "most wanted youngster in Scottish Soccer,' so it's not surprising all the big clubs are anxious to sign him.

Brian Clough seems to have won the race and McGuire will be going to Nottingham Forest. McGuire is . . . just 13.

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More managerial movements . . . Alan Oakes of Chester has been interviewed for the Plymouth Argyle job . . . Mansfield Town fancy Stewart Boam (Newcastle United) as player- manager . . . George Mulhall is expected to get the hot seat with Bolton Wanderers.

PETER WITHE